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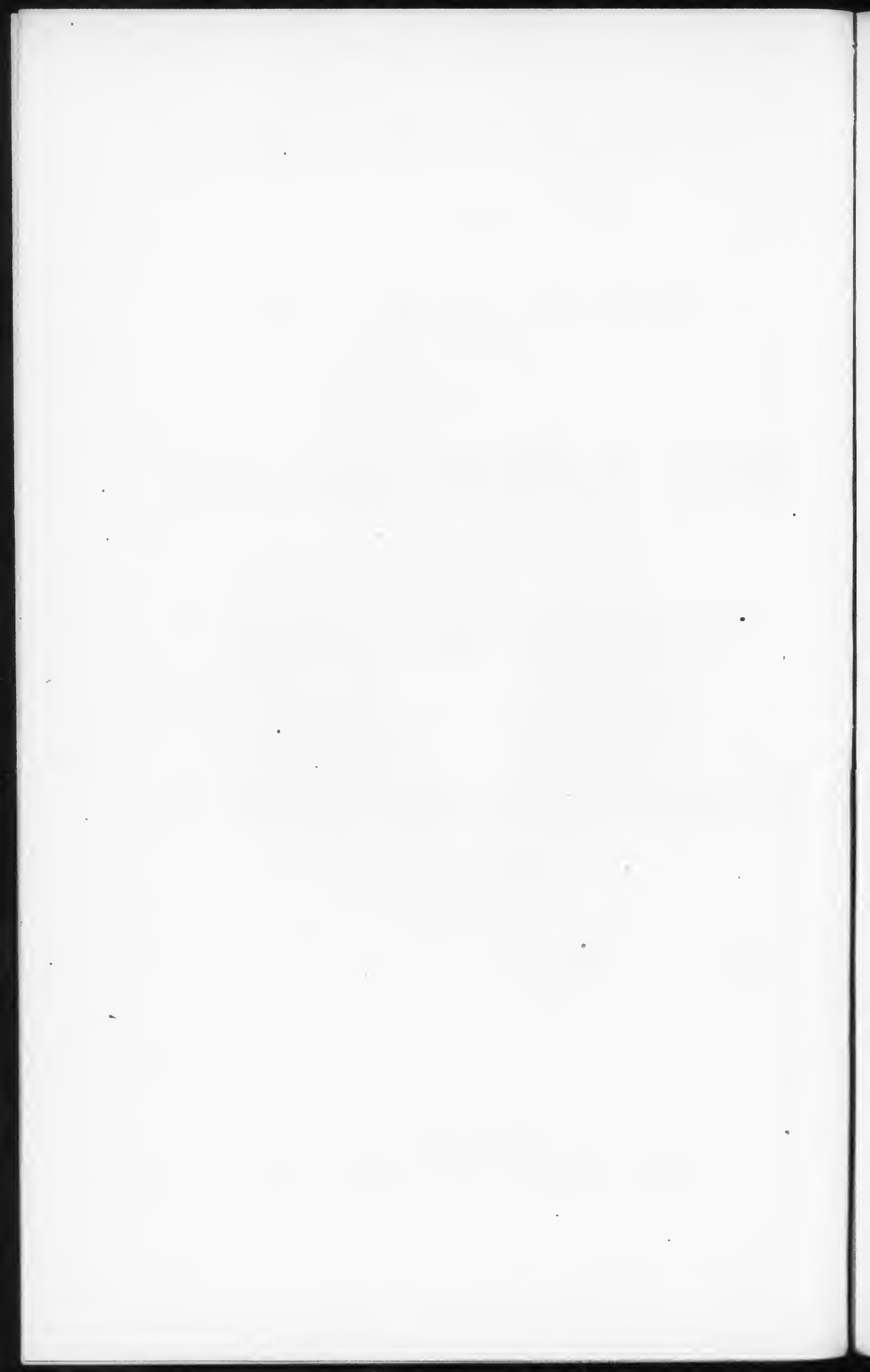
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To Preach the Annual Missionary Sermon.—ARTHUR E. THORNLEY.
 Alternate, WM. A. LONGNECKER.
To Deliver the Annual Educational Address.—WALTER P. STODDARD.

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Woman's Home Missionary Society.—W. S. Gardner, D. G. Abbott, W. C. Van Schoiack, J. C. Caughlan, W. L. Clapp.

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1. Each candidate shall pay to the registrar a matriculation fee of one dollar a year.
2. Traveling expenses are to be prorated.
3. Candidates, except those for admission on trial, are expected to take examinations at the mid-year meeting. Only those who attend this examination may arrange to complete their work in the interim of this meeting and the ensuing Annual Conference.
4. Candidates who are examined at Conference are expected to present themselves on the day before Conference. The Discipline does not authorize any other day at the seat of Conference. [Appendix, Par. 57, 7.]
5. The mid-year examinations will be held late in May or the first week in June. Place to be announced.
6. Each syllabus shall contain not less than five hundred nor more than two thousand words for each book.

EXAMINERS.

1. Examiners will come together at call of the Chairman, at 8 o'clock A. M., on the day preceding the opening of the Annual Conference.
2. The traveling expenses of Examiners are to be prorated.
3. Syllabi are to be examined, an average made for all, and so reported, giving one average.

IV.

JOURNAL OF THE CONFERENCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE IOWA
ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

FIRST DAY.

MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, September 27, 1899.

Opening.—The Fifty-sixth Session of the Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in the University Chapel, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, September 27, 1899, at 9 A. M., with Bishop C. C. McCabe, D. D., in the chair. After singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name," Bishop McCabe read Isaiah liii, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, aided by the Presiding Elders.

Roll-call.—The Secretary of the former session called the roll of the Conference, and the following members of the Conference answered to their names: F. W. Adams, M. Bamford, G. W. Barber, T. F. Barker, John F. Barnett, J. G. Barton, David C. Bevan, S. F. Bishop, J. A. Boatman, A. C. Boyd, B. M. Boydston, Richard Breeden, E. C. Brooks, A. E. Buriff, G. W. Byrkit, J. W. Carson, J. C. Caughlan, W. C. Chew, W. L. Clapp, J. M. Coates, Charles E. Coggeshall, Richard Collier, C. S. Cooper, J. C. W. Coxe, L. A. Crull, E. S. Daly, W. H. Dillon, E. E. Doud, D. S. Dunlavy, W. M. Erskine, H. C. Ethell, George Filmer, J. W. Fraker, W. S. Gardner, H. F. Gilbert, W. F. Gilmore, J. W. Hackley, A. W. Haines, W. N. Hall, G. H. Hanawalt, Elias Handy, John Hanks, J. B. Hardy, P. J. Henness, W. H. Heppe, A. B. Hightshoe, J. B. Hill, T. B. Hughes, R. F. Hurlburt, Hardy B. Ingham, Latham Ingham, W. B. Ireland, W. A. Jackson, W. R. Jeffrey, W. H. Jones, I. O. Kemble, A. V. Kendrick, J. W. Lambert, W. A. Longnecker, A. S. Loveall, W. H. Mahaffie, D. R. Martin, W. B. Marsh, A. W. McBlain, H. C. Millice, C. H. Montgomery, W. S. Moore, T. J. Myers, J. E. Newsom, Thos. Osborn, R. L. Patterson, J. R. Payne, E. J. Pike, J. W. Pool, G. W. Pool, T. S. Pool, John Potter, John W. Potter, W. N. Potter, C. W. Powelson, H. F. Pugh, George Schlenker, I. B. Schreckengast, E. L. Schreiner, H. B. Scoles, B. F. Shane, W. S. Shearer, E. J. Shook, J. A. Sinclair, A. M. Smith, D. C. Smith, H. N. Smith, U. B. Smith, U. S. Smith, S. P. Souden, W. J. Spaulding, C. L. Stafford, D. F. Stiles, W. P. Stoddard, W. R. Stryker, J. H. Taylor, I. P. Teter, W. G. Thorn, A. E. Thornley, F. B. Tucker, G. M. Tuttle, W. C. Vanschoiack, J. E. Vanwinkle, R. Weese, N. D. Wells, J. C. Willits, C. W. Wilson, W. G. Wilson, C. R. Zimmerman.—113.

Probationers.—James W. Caldwell, James B. Eyestone, Andrew J. Good, Benjamin G. Hankins, Robert D. Pool, Frank I. Poage, Marion L. Sanders, Edgar L. Tennant, Walter W. Williams.—9.

Election of Secretary.—G. W. Pool moved that the election of Secretary be by ballot, which carried. On motion of J. C. W. Coxe, it was voted that a majority of all the votes cast should be necessary to an election. George W. Pool, W. G. Thorn, Thos. Osborn, and W. A. Longnecker were appointed as Tellers. The vote was taken for Secretary, and the Tellers retired to count the ballots.

Bar of Conference.—The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the three middle tiers of seats back to the seventh row of seats, including the sixth.

Times of Meeting and Adjourning.—On motion, the times of meeting and adjourning were fixed at 8.30 and 11.45 A. M., the first half hour to be devoted to religious services.

Tellers' Report.—The Tellers reported the vote for Secretary as follows: Whole number of votes, 112. Necessary to a choice, 57. C. L. Stafford had 49; J. C. Willits, 31; W. H. Heppe, 28, and J. C. W. Coxe, 4. No election resulting, another vote was taken, and the Tellers retired to count the ballots.

Conference Postmaster.—C. W. Pace was appointed Postmaster for the Conference.

Methodist Review.—Thos. Osborn was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the *Methodist Review*.

Standing Committees.—J. C. W. Coxe announced the nominations of the Presiding Elders of Standing Committees, and the Committees were elected as follows:

Auditing.—F. B. Tucker, A. E. Buriff, W. H. Jones, E. J. Smith, D. R. Martin.

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Education.—I. B. Schreckengast, J. A. Boatman, M. Bamford, W. H. Heppe, Walter P. Stoddard.

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Post-offices.—W. M. Erskine, C. R. Zimmerman, C. E. Coggeshall, E. J. Shook, L. A. Crull.

Public Worship.—G. M. Tuttle, J. W. Fraker, W. P. Stoddard.

State of Church.—P. J. Henness, F. E. Brush, R. F. Hurlburt, J. W. Hackley, E. C. Brooks.

State of the Country.—H. B. Scoles, J. C. Willits, C. H. Montgomery, W. R. Jeffrey, W. C. Vanschoiack.

Sunday-schools and Tracts.—J. W. Fraker, J. E. Newsom, J. B. Eye-stone, S. P. Souden, I. P. Teter.

Temperance.—W. G. Thorn, J. W. Carson, W. A. Longnecker, J. E. Van-winkle, S. F. Bishop.

Tobacco.—R. Weese, M. Bamford, J. M. Hooper, G. F. Cannom, J. W. Hackley.

Woman's Home Missionary Society.—C. V. Cowan, W. H. Dillon, E. E. Doud, W. N. Potter, E. S. Daly.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.—C. L. Tennant, A. E. Buriff, W. C. Chew, J. W. Caldwell, E. Handy.

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Memoirs.—J. R. Payne, H. C. Millice, I. P. Teter, E. L. Schreiner, J. G. Barton.

Referred.—On motion, papers on the Secretary's table were referred to the proper Committees.

Drafts Ordered.—Drafts on the Book Concern for \$824 and on the Chartered Fund for \$22 were ordered, and turned over to the Treasurer of Board of Stewards.

Time of Election of Delegates.—I. P. Teter moved that the Order of the Day on Thursday, immediately after the reading of the minutes, be the election of delegates to General Conference, and W. G. Wilson moved, as a substitute, that J. C. W. Coxe and I. P. Teter be appointed to report to the Conference the time and rules for the election of delegates to the General Conference, and the substitute was adopted.

Tellers' Report.—The Tellers reported the second vote for Secretary of Conference as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 105. Necessary to a choice, 53. C. L. Stafford had 46; J. C. Willits, 39; W. H. Heppe, 20. No election resulting, a third vote was taken, and the Tellers retired to count the ballots.

Introduced.—Francis M. Harrington, returned missionary from South America Mission Conference, member of the Missouri Conference, H. H. Fairall, D. D., editor *Iowa Methodist*, member Upper Iowa Conference,

B. A. Wright, Upper Iowa Conference, and A. McClintock, of Storm Lake, member of the Northwest Iowa Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

Methodist Hospital.—D. C. Smith reported having communications relative to establishing a Methodist hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, and asked that a Committee be appointed to whom these could be referred, and J. W. Fraker, T. B. Hughes, J. W. Hackley, A. V. Kendrick, and E. L. Schreiner were appointed the Committee, and the communications on that matter referred to them.

Time and Rules for Election.—The Committee appointed to report Time and Rules for Election of delegates to General Conference reported as follows, and the report was adopted: "In election of delegates to the General Conference the following rules shall govern:

"1. The election shall be the Order of the Day for Friday, immediately after the reading of the journal.

"2. The election shall be by ballot.

"3. A majority of all ballots cast shall elect.

"4. The delegates shall be elected one at a time, no ballot containing more than one name.

"5. There shall be appointed five Tellers, one from each district of the Conference.

"6. As the roll is called each brother shall rise and stand in his place, and shall, when waited upon by the Teller, deposit ballot with his own hand.

"7. When all have voted, the Tellers shall retire, accompanied by a Secretary of Conference, and count the ballots, reporting the result to the President of the Conference.

"8. There shall be two reserve delegates, elected in the same manner and under the same rules as to the principals."

Tellers' Report.—The Tellers reported the third ballot for Secretary as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 111. Necessary to a choice, 56. C. L. Stafford had 55; J. C. Willits, 47; W. H. Heppe, 8. No election resulting, another vote was taken, and the Tellers retired to count the ballots.

Thirteenth Question.—The Thirteenth Question, viz.: "Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?" was called, and G. M. Tuttle, Presiding Elder of Burlington District, had his character passed, and read the report of his district.

Tellers' Report.—The Tellers reported the fourth ballot as follows: Whole number of votes, 113. Necessary to a choice, 57. C. L. Stafford had 59; J. C. Willits, 52; W. H. Heppe, 1; J. C. W. Coxe, 1. The Bishop announced that C. L. Stafford, having a majority of the votes cast, was elected. The Secretary nominated as Assistant Secretaries, J. C. Willits and W. H. Heppe, and they were elected.

Statistical Secretary.—F. W. Adams was nominated, and elected, Statistical Secretary, and nominated the following as assistants: Elias Handy, A. E. Buriff, A. E. Thornley, D. G. Abbott, C. R. Zimmerman, H. B. Scoles.

Treasurer.—Thos. S. Pool was nominated, and elected, Treasurer, and nominated C. W. Wilson as his assistant.

Reception of Reports.—On motion of W. G. Wilson, the Statistical Secretary and Treasurer were requested to be present at from 1.30 to 2.30 this afternoon to receive reports.

Special Missionary Collections.—On motion of D. C. Smith, those not reporting their Special Collections for Missions last year were requested to make report of same this year.

Blanks for Special Missionary Collections.—J. E. Newsom moved that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare blanks for reporting Missionary Debt, and H. C. Millice moved, as a substitute, that the Special Missionary Collection be reported under the heading, "Other Benevolences," which was adopted.

Report No. 5.—J. C. W. Coxe moved that the same order for reporting the Salaries on Circuits be adopted for this year, as was used last year, and the motion carried.

Enabling Act.—Enabling Act, from Baltimore Conference, relating to Lay Representation to General Conference, was referred to a Committee of three as follows: J. E. Corley, I. P. Teter, and E. L. Schreiner.

Church Insurance.—A paper on Church Insurance was referred to the proper Committee.

Reporting of Collections.—I. O. Kemble moved that all the collections be reported, and I. P. Teter moved, as a substitute, that only the Missionary and Conference Claimants collections be reported, which substitute prevailed.

Characters Passed.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed, and the following effective elders of the Burlington District were passed, and reported their collections: R. F. Hurlburt, H. Gilbert, C. W. Powelson, S. F. Bishop, W. L. Clapp, B. M. Boydston, J. C. Willits, J. W. Pool, W. P. Stoddard, J. W. Fraker, W. B. Ireland, E. E. Doud, T. S. Pool, John Hanks. C. L. Stafford, T. J. Myers, S. Thero, not being in charge, were passed. G. Filmer, W. H. Mahaffie, W. S. Kight, J. M. Coates, M. J. Pusey, E. J. Shook, G. F. Cannom, not being present to report, were passed. A. E. Buriff asked that his report be deferred.

C. S. Cooper, Presiding Elder of Keokuk District, was passed, and presented the report of his district. The following effective elders of Keokuk District were passed, and reported their collections: A. E. Thornley, T. B. Hughes, T. F. Barker, E. C. Brooks, J. A. Sinclair, R. Weese, I. O. Kemble, G. W. Barber, J. A. Boatman, W. S. Gardner, R. L. Patterson, J. W. Potter, E. S. Daly, Richard Collier, H. C. Millice, J. W. Carson, B. F. Shane, W. M. Erskine, G. W. Pool.

The following, not being present to report their collections, had their characters passed: J. E. Wilkins, S. W. Siberts, W. R. Jeffrey.

J. C. W. Coxe, Presiding Elder of Muscatine District, was passed, and presented the report of his district. The following effective elders of Muscatine District were passed, and reported their collections: R. Breeden,

W. C. Chew, F. W. Adams, D. C. Bevan, A. M. Smith, H. F. Pugh, W. R. Stryker, J. W. Hackley, J. R. Payne, H. N. Smith, W. G. Thorn, W. H. Jones, J. E. Newsom, G. W. Byrkit, I. B. Schreckengast, E. J. Pike, J. F. Barnett.

H. R. Osborne not being present, his collections were reported by his Presiding Elder, and his character passed. D. G. Abbott, C. H. Montgomery, and J. M. McClelland, not being present to report their collections, were passed.

W. G. Wilson, Presiding Elder of the Oskaloosa District, was passed, and presented the report of his district. The following effective elders of the district were passed, and reported their collections: W. C. Van Schoiack, D. F. Stiles, A. V. Kendrick, J. E. Corley, W. A. Longnecker, A. W. Haines, I. P. Teter, Elias Handy, M. Bamford, A. S. Loveall, C. R. Zimmerman, D. S. Dunlavy.

A. C. Boyd asked that the report of his collections be deferred. David Phillips, P. J. Henness, C. V. Cowan, J. C. Kendrick, W. N. Groome, not being present to report, were passed. C. F. Williams not being in charge, his character was passed.

Time Extended.—On motion of C. L. Stafford, the time was extended to complete the work.

Announcements.—The Chairmen of the several Committees made their respective announcements.

Railroad Secretary.—Walter P. Stoddard announced W. H. Mahaffie as Railroad Secretary.

Change of Place.—I. P. Teter moved that the sessions of the Conference be held in the Methodist Church instead of in the college chapel. On motion of J. A. Boatman, the motion was laid on the table.

Conference Relation Committee.—On motion of J. C. W. Coxe, all applicants for admission for local orders, either elders or deacons, and for change of Conference relations, were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Memorial Service.—W. G. Wilson moved that the time of holding memorial services be referred to the Committee on Memoirs, which carried.

Duplicate Reports.—C. L. Stafford moved that all reports be handed to the Secretary in duplicate, which carried.

On motion, the Conference adjourned, the doxology was sung, and Bishop McCabe pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, September 28, 1899.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8.30 A. M. C. R. Norton conducted the devotional services. At 9 A. M. Bishop McCabe took the Chair, and the Minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected, and approved.

Introduced.—J. H. Poland, D. D., Presiding Elder Hannibal District, Missouri Conference; H. Zimmerman, Presiding Elder Burlington District,

St. Louis Conference; and Rev. O. Rogers, pastor Congregational Church of this city, were introduced.

Papers Referred.—Papers relating to the Tract Society and the Episcopal Fund were referred to the proper Committees, and one relating to District Secretaries, from the Missionary Secretaries, was referred to the Presiding Elders.

Roll-call.—The call of yesterday's absentees was made, and the following members responded to their names: David G. Abbott, F. E. Brush, G. F. Cannom, J. E. Corley, W. N. Groome, J. M. Hooper, J. C. Kendrick, W. S. Kight, A. M. Mahaffie, C. R. Norton, J. T. Simmons, E. J. Smith, C. L. Tennant, Samuel Thero, J. E. Wilkins.—15.

Thirteenth Question.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed, and D. C. Smith, Presiding Elder of Ottumwa District, had his character passed, and read the report of his district. Bishop McCabe, in behalf of the preachers of the district, presented him, in retiring from the district at the expiration of his term, a beautiful Bible and hymn-book, with appropriate remarks on the office of the Presiding Elder.

The following effective elders were passed, and reported their collections: Thos. Osborn, E. L. Schreiner, W. N. Potter, W. B. Marsh, H. B. Scoles, C. L. Tennant, L. Ingham, J. C. Caughlan, J. W. Lambert, C. W. Wilson, W. H. Dillon, C. R. Norton, F. E. Brush, W. H. Heppe, C. E. Coggeshall, W. S. Moore, H. A. Ingham, S. P. Souden. A. B. Hightshoe having been called away, his collections were reported by his Presiding Elder. U. S. Smith, supplying the Eddyville charge, reported his collections. U. B. Smith, not in charge, had his character passed.

The following, not present at yesterday's session, reported their collections: W. H. Mahaffie, J. M. Coates, A. E. Buriff, E. J. Shook, G. F. Cannom, J. E. Wilkins, D. G. Abbott, A. C. Boyd, P. J. Henness, J. C. Kendrick.

Introduced.—G. P. Mains, D. D., of the New York Book Concern, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interest of the Methodist publishing-houses. Frank L. Hart, of the West Wisconsin Conference, and Secretary of the Board of Insurance, was introduced, and represented the interests of the National Mutual Church Insurance Company.

I. P. Teter moved that Senator Harlan be invited to a seat on the platform, which carried, and he was introduced to the Conference.

Francis D. Blakeslee, D. D., President of Iowa Wesleyan University, was introduced to the Conference, and invited the Conference to visit the Elizabeth Hershey Hall and the Buettner Museum of Natural History this afternoon at four o'clock.

Transferred.—The transfer of F. D. Blakeslee was announced from the New England Southern Conference.

Question Twenty-two.—Question Twenty-two, viz., "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was called, and the following brethren were continued in the same relation: Banner Mark, F. W. Evans, W. J. Spaulding, J. T. Simmons, John Potter, Andrew Latimer, J. H. Armacost, H. C.

Ethell, and J. G. Barton. The following were referred to Committee on Conference Relations: W. N. Hall, W. A. Jackson, W. C. Shippen, J. S. Ferguson, I. N. Busby, John Davis, J. J. Beckham. The case of C. E. Corkhill was deferred, waiting for report of Committee.

Tenth Question.—The Tenth Question, viz., "What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was called, and the following were represented, their characters passed, reported collections, examinations reported, and they were elected to elders' orders: A. M. Mahaffie, W. S. Shearer, William L. Fry, E. J. Smith, George L. Minear, William F. Gilmore.

Wade C. Barclay was continued in the Studies of the Fourth Year. Action was deferred in the case of William H. Perdew, and also of Hiram T. Robinson.

Ninth Question.—The Ninth Question, viz., "What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year?" was called, and the following were represented, their characters passed, reported their collections, their examinations were reported, and they were advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year: George H. Hanawalt, Alexander W. McBlain, John H. Taylor, Daniel R. Martin; Fred B. Tucker (conditioned on History of Methodism).

Eighth Question.—The Eighth Question, viz., "What Members are in the Studies of the Third Year?" was called. The following were represented, their characters passed, reported their collections, their examinations were reported, and they were elected to full membership and to deacons' orders: Robert D. Pool, George B. Hankins.

Edgar L. Tennant, on motion of D. C. Smith, was elected to deacon's orders, and admitted into full connection.

Walter W. Williams was admitted to full membership, elected to deacon's orders, and advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year. Marion L. Sanders was passed, and continued on trial in the Studies of the Third Year.

Time Extended.—On motion, the time was extended to finish the work pending.

George Schlenker and J. M. Hooper were represented, their characters passed, reported their collections, and were continued in Studies of the Third Year, on condition of bringing up their studies or locating next year.

Memorial Services.—The Committee on Memorial Services reported fixing the time of services Sabbath at 2.30 P. M., which on motion was adopted.

State of the Country.—H. B. Scoles was released from Committee on State of the Country, and U. S. Smith was elected in his place.

Announcements.—The Chairmen of the several Committees made their announcements, the doxology was sung, and T. B. Hughes pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 29, 1899.

Opening.—The Conference convened at the appointed hour, and D. C. Smith conducted the devotional services. At 9 A. M. Bishop McCabe took the Chair, and the Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Class for Admission.—The Class for Admission was called to the front, and addressed by the Bishop with the Disciplinary Questions. E. L. Tennant being absent from the Conference, the Bishop was authorized to ask him the Disciplinary Questions in private.

Twenty-second Question.—The Twenty-second Question, viz., "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was called, and the following were continued in that relation: J. B. Hardy, Anthony Robinson, E. H. Waring, Harrison Runyan, O. P. Light, J. B. Hill, A. W. Stryker, J. G. Thompson, Jesse Craig, Nelson Wells, James Haynes, Warren A. Phelps, John Davis.

The case of William Hall was referred to Committee on Conference Relations.

Transfers Announced.—The First Question "Who have been Transferred, and from What Conferences?" was called, and the following transfers were announced: J. W. Summerville, from the Kansas Conference; W. R. Rolingson, from the Southwest Kansas Conference.

Order of the Day.—The Order of the Day, viz., "The Election of the Delegates to General Conference," was called. The following Tellers were appointed: Burlington District, A. E. Buriff; Keokuk District, A. E. Thornley; Muscatine District, J. F. Barnett; Oskaloosa District, D. R. Martin; Ottumwa District, W. F. Gilmore.

Motion prevailed reconsidering the rule as to calling the roll, and a motion offered by D. C. Smith, that all the members of the Conference stand until each shall vote, and when the ballot is deposited the member shall be seated.

The Bishop announced that the Conference would be entitled to four delegates. The vote was taken, and the Tellers retired to count the ballots, accompanied by W. H. Heppe, one of the Secretaries of Conference.

Introduced.—W. F. McDowell, D. D., Secretary of Board of Education, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interest of the educational work of the Church, and the work being done by the Educational Board.

Tellers Report Vote.—The Tellers reported the first ballot as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 122. Necessary for a choice, 62. J. C. W. Coxe had 48; D. C. Smith, 21; W. G. Wilson, 13; T. J. Myers, 12; C. L. Stafford, 11; C. S. Cooper, 7; I. P. Teter, 4; J. A. Boatman, 2; E. C. Brooks, 1; F. D. Blakeslee, 1; G. M. Tuttle, 1; J. E. Corley 1. No election resulting, a second ballot was taken, and the Tellers retired to count the ballots.

Introduced.—Dr. T. McK. Stuart, of the Des Moines Conference, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interest of the Des Moines Methodist Hospital.

Tellers Report Second Ballot.—The Tellers reported the second ballot. Whole number of votes cast, 128. Necessary for a choice, 65. J. C. W. Coxe, 70; D. C. Smith, 21; W. G. Wilson, 11; T. J. Myers, 9; C. L. Stafford, 8; C. S. Cooper, 4; J. A. Boatman, 2; I. P. Teter, 2; J. E. Corley, 1.

The Bishop announced that J. C. W. Coxe, having received a majority of the votes cast, was elected.

Third Ballot.—The third ballot for delegates was taken, and the Tellers retired to count the ballots.

Introduced.—W. B. Thompson, D. D., Presiding Elder Chariton District, Des Moines Conference, was introduced.

Fifth Question.—The Fifth Question, viz., "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was called. Wilford C. Keeler was represented; examinations reported, and was continued in the Studies of the First Year; Andrew J. Good was represented, reported his collections, examinations were reported, and continued in the Studies of the First Year. Frank I. Poage, James B. Eyestone, and James W. Caldwell were represented, reported their collections, examinations were reported, and were advanced to Studies of the Second Year. Paul H. McBeth was represented by his Presiding Elder, and not being before the Board of Examiners, on motion of his Presiding Elder, was discontinued.

Tellers Report Third Ballot.—The Tellers reported third ballot as follows: Whole number votes cast, 129. Necessary for choice, 65. D. C. Smith, 57; W. G. Wilson, 18; C. L. Stafford, 18; T. J. Myers, 16; C. S. Cooper, 7; J. A. Boatman, 5; J. C. Willits, 1; J. E. Corley, 1; I. O. Kemble, 1; J. F. Barnett, 1; J. W. Hackley, 1; Isaac P. Teter, 1. There being no election, a fourth ballot was taken, and the Tellers retired to count the ballots.

Second Question.—The Second Question, "Who have been Readmitted?" was called, and none were reported.

Third Question.—The Third Question was called, "Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?" None.

Tellers Report Fourth Ballot.—The Tellers reported the fourth ballot as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 126. Necessary to a choice, 64. D. C. Smith, 73; C. L. Stafford, 18; W. G. Wilson, 11; C. S. Cooper, 7; T. J. Myers, 6; J. A. Boatman, 2; J. C. Willits, 2; W. H. Heppe, 1; J. E. Corley, 1; W. H. Jones, 1; W. G. Thorn, 1; E. C. Brooks, 1; J. W. Lambert, 1; Isaac P. Teter, 1.

Bishop announced that D. C. Smith, having a majority of votes cast, was elected.

Fourth Question.—The Fourth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was called, and the following reported with proper recommendations from District Conferences: Muscatine District, Herbert I.

Rutledge and Charles E. Fitzsimmons; Oskaloosa District, Charles N. Pace; Ottumwa District, J. Willard DeYoe and John S. Decker. The candidates reported their collections, were introduced into the Conference, examinations were reported, were recommended by Committee on Conference Relations, and were, on motion, admitted on trial. Charles E. Fitzsimmons, Charles N. Pace, and J. Willard DeYoe were conditioned on "Leading Facts of American History."

Ballot Taken.—The fifth ballot for delegates to General Conference was taken, and the Tellers retired to count the ballots.

Tenth Question Resumed.—The Tenth Question, "What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?" was called, and the cases of William H. Perdew and Hiram T. Robinson, having been deferred from yesterday's session for a ruling from the Bishop on the substitution of work done in the Boston University School of Theology, were taken up, and the decision was announced that credit may be given for work done in studies of the same subject. C. S. Cooper moved that they be elected to elders' orders, W. H. Perdew being conditioned on Butler's Analogy; and the motion prevailed.

Tellers Report Fifth Ballot.—The Tellers reported the fifth ballot as follows: Whole number of votes, 128. Necessary to choice, 65. C. L. Stafford, 40; W. G. Wilson, 33; C. S. Cooper, 20; T. J. Myers, 12; J. A. Boatman, 6; W. G. Thorn, 5; J. C. Willits, 3; I. P. Teter, 2; J. W. Hackley, 2; J. E. Corley, 2; R. F. Hurlburt, 1; Thos. Osborn, 1; C. H. Montgomery, 1. No election resulting, the sixth vote was taken, and the Tellers retired to count the ballots.

Twenty-second Question Resumed.—The Twenty-second Question, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was resumed, and the following brethren, who had been referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, were considered: W. A. Jackson—the Committee on Conference Relations recommended that he be made effective, and, on motion, the recommendation was adopted. The case of W. C. Shippen was referred, on motion of J. C. W. Coxe, to the Board of Stewards.

Sixth Ballot.—The Tellers reported the sixth ballot as follows: Whole number votes cast, 130. Necessary to a choice, 66. C. L. Stafford, 68; W. G. Wilson, 39; C. S. Cooper, 12; T. J. Myers, 4; W. G. Thorn, 3; John W. Pool, 1; W. H. Heppe, 1; E. L. Schreiner, 1; W. J. Spaulding 1.

The Bishop announced that C. L. Stafford, having received a majority of the votes cast, was elected. The seventh ballot was taken, and the Tellers retired to count the vote.

Twenty-second Question Resumed.—The Committee on Conference Relations recommended, in the case of I. N. Busby, that his relation be changed to superannuated, which was adopted. John Davis was continued in the supernumerary relation.

Seventh Ballot Reported.—The Tellers reported the seventh ballot as follows: Whole number votes cast, 125. Necessary to a choice, 63. W. G. Wilson, 75; C. S. Cooper, 18; T. J. Myers, 13; W. G. Thorn, 6; J. W.

Hackley, 3; J. A. Boatman, 2; J. E. Corley, 2; J. C. Willits, 2; A. V. Kendrick, 2; E. L. Schreiner, 1; W. R. Stryker, 1. Bishop announced that W. G. Wilson having received a majority of the votes cast, was elected delegate to General Conference.

The vote for first alternate was taken, and the Tellers retired.

Resumed.—The Twenty-second Question was resumed, and in the case of J. J. Beckham, the Committee on Conference Relations recommended that he be located, and, on motion, it was adopted.

Introduced.—E. S. Havighorst, D. D., President of German Theological Seminary, of Mt. Pleasant, and Rev. O. B. Sarber, Pastor Baptist Church of the city, were introduced.

Resumed.—Twenty-second Question was resumed, and the case of C. E. Corkhill was deferred until to-morrow's session in order to receive report of Committee appointed in Oskaloosa District. The case of W. N. Hall was deferred until to-morrow's session.

Thirtieth Question.—The Thirtieth Question, "Where shall the Next Conference be held?" was called, and T. B. Hughes placed in nomination Bloomfield, which was chosen by a rising vote.

The Eleventh Question.—The Eleventh Question, "What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons as Local Preachers?" was called, and under (a) Marion L. Sanders, after the report of Committee on Conference Relations, was elected to Local Deacon's Orders. (b) Under Missionary Rule? None.

Twelfth Question.—The Twelfth Question, "What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?" was called, and (a) Local Deacons? None. (b) Under Missionary Rule? None.

Reconsidered.—On motion of D. C. Smith, the action taken regarding J. J. Beckham was reconsidered. C. L. Stafford moved that he be asked to locate this year; Thomas Osborn moved that his case be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, to which shall be added four others, for trial; W. G. Wilson moved, as a substitute, that he be tried by a Select Number of nine; J. C. W. Coxe moved as a substitute of the whole question, that his case be referred to the Presiding Elder of his district and that he be tried, which was adopted.

Continued.—J. C. W. Coxe reported that in the case of John Bridges, he was not able to find his address until too near the time of Conference to take any action, and D. C. Smith moved that his case be continued with his Presiding Elder for this year, which prevailed.

Tellers' Report.—The Tellers reported the first ballot on alternate as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 129. Necessary to a choice, 62. C. S. Cooper, 41; T. J. Myers, 24; W. G. Thorn, 17; J. A. Boatman, 10; J. C. Willits, 6; J. E. Corley, 4; W. H. Heppe, 4; E. L. Schreiner, 4; J. W. Hackley, 3; I. P. Teter, 3; I. B. Shreckengast, 2; W. R. Stryker, 1; I. O. Kemble, 1; E. C. Brooks, 1; F. D. Blakeslee, 1. No election resulting, the second ballot for alternates was taken, and the Tellers retired to count the votes.

Parchments Returned.—C. L. Stafford reported that he had received, and placed on file, the parchments of H. E. Colby.

On motion, the time was extended to finish the business.

Resumed.—The Twenty-second Question was resumed, and J. S. Ferguson was continued in the same relation, and his case referred to his Presiding Elder for inquiry.

Tellers' Report—Second Ballot on Alternates.—The Tellers reported the second vote for alternate: Whole number of votes cast, 119. Necessary for a choice, 60. C. S. Cooper, 62; W. G. Thorn, 17; T. J. Myers, 14; J. A. Boatman, 9; J. C. Willits, 6; W. H. Heppe, 4; A. V. Kendrick, 1; W. R. Stryker, 1; I. O. Kemble, 1; W. S. Gardner, 1; J. F. Barnett, 1; E. C. Brooks, 1; I. P. Teter, 1.

The Bishop announced that C. S. Cooper having a majority of votes cast was elected first alternate. A vote was taken for second alternate, and the Tellers retired to count the ballots.

Adjourned Session.—C. L. Stafford moved that, when we adjourn, it be at 4 P. M., in joint session with the Lay Electoral Conference. Carried. On motion, I. P. Teter was appointed to convey the invitation to the Lay Electoral Conference.

Announcements.—The usual announcements were made.

Bishop McCabe read a letter from the Missionary Secretaries relative to the Ecumenical Missionary meeting to be held in New York next spring, and asked for some action to be taken to help the movement. On motion, the paper was referred to the Committee on Missions.

Church Extension.—A paper relative to the apportionment to the Iowa Conference for Church Extension was referred to the Presiding Elders.

Tellers' Report.—The Tellers reported third ballot for alternate. The whole number of votes cast, 112. Necessary for a choice, 57. W. G. Thorn, 51; T. J. Myers, 21; J. A. Boatman, 12; W. H. Heppe, 11; J. C. Willits, 9; I. P. Teter, 2; W. S. Gardner, 2; T. S. Pool, 2; I. B. Schreckengast, 1; G. M. Tuttle, 1.

On motion, the rules were suspended, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference in favor of W. G. Thorn for the second alternate delegate. The Secretary cast the ballot as instructed.

The Conference adjourned with singing doxology; and J. B. Hardy pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 30, 1899.

Opening.—Conference met at 8.30 A. M. J. A. Boatman conducted the devotional exercises. At 9 A. M., Bishop McCabe took the Chair.

Minutes Approved.—Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Referred.—Paper relating to Freedmen's Aid was referred to the proper Committee.

Referred.—The case of Chas. E. Corkhill was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Substituted.—During the absence of J. W. Lambert, J. C. Caughlan was appointed to act on the Committee on Conference Relations in his place.

Memorial of Oskaloosa District.—The Memorial from Oskaloosa District Conference was presented as follows:

"To Iowa Annual Conference in Session at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, September 27, 1899:

"DEAR BRETHREN,—The Oskaloosa District Conference, in session at Reasnor, Iowa, August 17, 1899, respectfully memorializes your honorable body as follows, to wit:

"That you be pleased to direct that all members of the Conference classes, including candidates for admission on trial, and for local orders, be referred for all purposes of examination, not only in the Disciplinary studies, but in questions of personal fitness for the ministry, to the Board of Conference Examiners; and that only such cases be referred to your Committee on Conference Relations as may, from time to time, be specifically sent to such Committee by vote of the Annual Conference."

On motion of W. G. Wilson, the memorial was adopted, and ordered printed in the Conference Minutes for one year.

Introduced.—A. B. Leonard, D. D., one of the Secretaries of the Missionary Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Memorial of Ottumwa District.—The following Memorials were adopted by the Ottumwa District Conference at its last session, held in Brighton, Iowa, August 7 to 9, 1899:

"1. *Resolved*, That the Ottumwa District Conference request the Iowa Annual Conference to memorialize the General Conference to amend Paragraph 85, Statistics No. 1, by addition of the two items:

"(1) Number of Probationers.

"(2) Number Received into Full Membership.

"2. *Resolved*, That the Ottumwa District Conference memorialize the Iowa Annual Conference to request the Publishing Agent to arrange the Statistical tables so that Statistics No. III, and Nos. I-IV, for each district, shall appear on opposite pages.

D. C. SMITH, *Chairman*.

"W. H. HEPPE, *Secretary*."

Permanent Fund.—The report of Treasurer of Permanent Fund was read, and, on motion of J. C. W. Coxe, was received and ordered printed in the Minutes.

Twenty-second Question Resumed.—The relation of W. N. Hall was changed from supernumerary to effective.

Twenty-second Question Resumed.—The relation of L. A. Crull was changed from supernumerary to effective.

Transferred.—The Bishop announced the following transfers: Morris Bamford, to Kansas Conference; S. W. Siberts, to South American Conference; A. E. Buriff and C. H. Westfall, to the Arkansas Conference.

Recommendation.—E. C. Brooks presented the following recommendation, which was adopted: "Having in our Brother, the Rev. J. C. W. Coxe, D. D., a man whom we know to be eminently qualified for the position, and one who is also thoroughly loyal to Methodism, and to the Bible as the Word of God, we take pleasure in presenting his name to the ensuing General Conference, to be held in Chicago next May, in nomination for the office of Editor of the *Central Christian Advocate*, and we would request our Iowa Conference Delegation to use all honorable means to bring about his election to said office."

Baltimore Enabling Act.—The Committee appointed to consider the Baltimore Enabling Act reported as follows: "The Committee to which the Baltimore Conference proposition, respecting additional legislation relating to equal Ministerial Lay Representation in General Conference was referred, recommend the adoption of said measure, which is hereunto attached;" and their report, on motion, was adopted by a vote of 80 to 4. (See Report.)

Church Extension.—The Committee on Church Extension presented their report, which was, on motion, adopted.

May be Employed.—On motion of C. L. Stafford, the Presiding Elder was authorized to employ Paul McBeth as a supply.

Methodist Hospital.—The Committee on Methodist Hospital in Des Moines made its report, which was adopted, and D. C. Smith was elected Director from the Iowa Conference.

Woman's Home Missionary Society.—The Committee on Woman's Home Missionary Society made its report, which was adopted.

Epworth League.—The report of Committee on Epworth League was presented, and, on motion, was recommitted.

Reports.—The following reports of Committees were presented and adopted: Conference Claimants' Fund, Deaconess Work, Church Insurance, State of the Country.

Amended and Adopted.—The report of Deaconess Board was presented, and E. L. Schreiner moved, as an amendment, "That the Churches employing the deaconess pay her expenses," which was adopted, and the report as amended was adopted.

Temperance.—The Committee on Temperance presented its report, which, on motion, was adopted. W. G. Thorn moved that the Secretary of the Conference be instructed to send the fourth section to the Legislature, which carried.

State Organizer.—J. C. W. Coxe moved that the Conference request the appointment of C. F. Williams as State Organizer of the Anti-saloon League, which carried.

Sabbath Observance.—The Committee on Sabbath Observance presented its report. E. C. Brooks moved, as an amendment, that the words

"in our churches" be stricken out, which carried, and the motion prevailed for the adoption of the report as amended.

Appointments Requested.—On motion of J. T. Simmons, the Conference requested the appointment of U. B. Smith as Assistant General Superintendent of the National Home-finding Society, and, on motion of W. G. Wilson, the appointment of J. E. Vanwinkle as District Agent of the Iowa Children's Home Society.

Left Without Appointment.—On motion of J. C. W. Coxe, W. W. Williams, H. R. Osborne, J. M. McClellan, W. C. Keeler, and W. C. Barclay were left without appointment to attend one of our schools. On motion of C. S. Cooper, W. H. Perdew and George L. Minear, were left without appointment to attend one of our schools. On motion of G. M. Tuttle, Hiram T. Robinson was left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Children's Aid Societies.—On motion of W. G. Wilson, a Committee of five was appointed to take into consideration the relative standings of the Children's Home-finding Societies, and the following were appointed: G. Filmer, G. W. Barber, W. H. Jones, G. W. Hanawalt, and J. T. Simmons.

Resignations Accepted.—The resignations of Mrs. Lucy W. Byrkit and Morris Bamford, as Trustees of Iowa Wesleyan University, were accepted.

Reports.—The following reports were presented and adopted: Education, Episcopal Fund, State of the Church, Sunday-school Union, Tract Society, Periodical Account, Books and Periodicals. (See Reports.)

Time Extended.—On motion, time was extended.

Permanent Fund.—Report of U. B. Smith, appointed to settle with the C. W. Shepherd estate for the Permanent Fund for Superannuates, was accepted and filed. On motion of E. L. Schreiner, he was continued.

Referred to Presiding Elder.—The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that the case of C. E. Corkhill be referred to his Presiding Elder for investigation.

Announcements.—The announcements were made by the several Committees. The doxology was sung, and Dr. Leonard pronounced the benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, October 2, 1899.

THE Conference met at 8.30 A. M., I. P. Teter conducting the devotional services. At 9 A. M., Bishop McCabe took the Chair, and Saturday's minutes were read and approved.

Reports.—The reports of Visitors of Iowa Wesleyan University, of Committee on District Conference Records, American Bible Society, Tobacco, and Missions, were read and adopted.

Special Committee.—The Special Committee appointed on the matter of the Children's Home-finding Societies reported as follows: "Your

Committee, to whom was referred the question of the Iowa Children's Home and the American Home-finding Associations, beg leave to report that, while we express our sympathy with their work, we do not feel called upon to offer any recommendation concerning their methods of operation;" and, on motion, the report was adopted.

Treasurer's Report.—The Conference Treasurer presented his report, which was, on motion, adopted.

Conference Minutes.—The Publishing Agents for Conference Minutes reported, showing balance in the hands of the Committee of \$39.31.

Porto Rico Collection.—J. Hanks reported that the amount of collection taken Sabbath evening for Porto Rico was as follows:

Cash,	\$45 55
Subscriptions,	35 00

Publishing Minutes.—J. A. Boatman moved that the Secretaries be authorized to edit and publish the Conference Minutes the same as last year, and distribute on the same ratio, which carried.

Reports.—The following reports were presented and adopted: Freedmen's Aid, Auditing Committee.

Money Applied.—John Hanks moved that the \$5 of excess money in the hands of the Treasurer be applied to Porto Rico, which carried.

Resignation.—I. B. Schreckengast presented the resignation of Miss Ella Penn, which was accepted, and, on nomination, Mrs. Mary E. Huston was elected by ballot cast by Secretary of Conference.

Introduced.—Dr. J. B. Young, Editor of the *Central Christian Advocate*, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interest of that paper.

Reports Adopted.—Committees on Epworth League, Statistical Secretary, and the Board of Stewards reported, and the reports were adopted:

Elected.—The Board of Stewards recommended to be elected in place of those going out, the following: U. B. Smith, J. C. Kendrick, I. O. Kemble, and they were elected.

Distributed.—The amounts apportioned by the Board of Stewards were announced, and the money handed to the several parties as reported in Stewards' Report. (See Report.)

Collection Taken.—A collection was taken for expenses of Secretary, Treasurer, etc., amounting to \$17.87. The expenses amounted to \$12.50, leaving a balance of \$5.37.

Board of Stewards.—Board of Stewards reported that in the case of W. C. Shippen \$30 had been applied to supernumerary.

To Employ as Supply.—On motion of J. A. Boatman, the Presiding Elder was authorized to employ Lincoln Hughes as a supply.

Woman's Guild.—The Committee on Woman's Guild for the Iowa Wesleyan University presented their report, which was adopted. The officers nominated were elected.

Announcement.—The members of the Board of Church Location were announced and confirmed (see list), and the persons to preach missionary sermon.

Resolutions.—The following resolutions were adopted by rising vote :

"*Resolved*, That we welcome the coming among us of our Brother F. D. Blakeslee, D. D., as President of Iowa Wesleyan University, and pledge him our hearty co-operation in his work. The thanks of the Conference are hereby extended to Rev. W. P. Stoddard, pastor of our Church, to Rev. F. D. Blakeslee, Rev. T. J. Myers, and the members of the Faculty, together with the citizens of Mt. Pleasant, for the delightful entertainment furnished us during this session."

"We also extend thanks to the railroad companies and the representatives of the press for the courtesies extended and favors shown."

"*Resolved*, That we rejoice that, in the order of Divine providence, it fell to the lot of Bishop C. C. McCabe to preside at this Conference session, and we regard it as especially fortunate that he was with us at this time in the history of our university, and has so greatly assisted in putting the movement for the Endowment Fund upon a solid basis."

"We do earnestly pray the Great Head of the Church to long spare his life to the Church, and trust that he may soon come again to preside over our deliberations."

E. C. BROOKS,

"J. A. BOATMAN."

Dial of Progress.—C. F. Williams presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

"*Resolved*. That the refusal of the Conference to adopt a resolution to indorse the *Dial of Progress* was not in any sense a withholding of approval of either the mission or the management of the paper, but merely an expression of conviction upon the part of the Conference that the selection and naming of papers, as formerly indorsed, is beyond its province."

C. L. STAFFORD,

"C. F. WILLIAMS."

Collection Taken.—A special collection was taken for the janitor, amounting to \$13.70, which, with \$5.37, made a total of \$19.07.

Army Canteen.—The following resolution, offered by D. S. Dunlavy, was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the Congress of the United States is worthy our special compliments and highest praise for passing a bill prohibiting the army canteen."

"We strongly disapprove Attorney-General Grigg's decision, whereby the will and intent of Congress was defeated, and the temptation to drink continued before our brave boys, and we call on the Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, William McKinley, President of the United States, to save us from this outrage."

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

DEACONS: *Robert D. Pool, Benjamin G. Hankins, Walter W. Williams, Edgar L. Tennant.* ELDERS: *Albert M. Mahaffie, William S. Shearer, William L. Fry, Edward J. Smith, William F. Gilmore.*

This is to Certify, That at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, under the authority of the Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained the above-named persons, respectively, as Deacons and Elders, on Sabbath, October 1, 1899.

CHARLES C. McCABE,

MT. PLEASANT, IA., October 1, 1899.

Bishop Presiding.

Standing Committees for 1900.—C. L. Stafford moved that the Presiding Elders be authorized to make announcement of the Standing Committees for the next Conference, and furnish them for printing in the Conference Minutes, which carried.

Adjourned.—A motion prevailed that after the reading of the Appointments we stand adjourned without date. The minutes of the session were read and approved. Dr. McDowell led in prayer, after which the audience joined in singing,

“And let our bodies part,
To different climes repair,” etc.;

and, after a brief address by the Bishop, the Appointments were read.

Sympathy.—W. P. Stoddard moved that the Conference hereby express its sympathy with Senator Harlan, and pray for his recovery and for the abounding grace of God in his affliction.

Dismissal.—The doxology was sung, and Bishop McCabe pronounced the benediction.

C. L. STAFFORD, SECRETARY.

C. C. McCABE, PRESIDENT.

V. REPORT OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

G. M. TUTTLE, Presiding Elder.

THROUGH the mercy of God, we have come to the time when we pause in the midst of our toils and conflicts in order to take an inventory of the work of the year.

Soon after the adjournment of Conference, the brethren entered hopefully upon their fields of duty, and the only interruption was that of Brother M. J. Pusey, who was returned to Mediapolis for the third year, but who was afterward assigned to missionary work in Callao, Peru, South America, where he was placed in charge of a school. Since the last of January, Mediapolis charge has been supplied by Rev. W. R. Rolingson, coming to us from the Southwest Kansas Conference.

Buildings and improvements in Church property have obtained to some extent during the year. The indebtedness of over four thousand dollars on Grace Church, Burlington, has been reported as provided for by subscription, and the parsonage has been sold, with a view of investing in a property more conveniently located.

Columbus Junction has succeeded in finishing up the basement story of their church, which now gives to them a very suitable and much-needed room for their growing Sunday-school, and for their Epworth League and prayer-meeting services.

Burlington Circuit has won a great victory in the building of a Church at Augusta. Mediapolis Charge has raised forty-nine hundred dollars for a new church.

Wapello is soon to dedicate a new and modern church at Toolsboro, while several of the other charges have had improvements in some measure. The pastor at Sperry has added a new appointment to his charge.

We have held two sessions of the District Conference, one in November in New London, and the other in Wapello, in August. These were occasions of interest and profit to the Church. The Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies were ably represented at these sessions.

One District Epworth League Convention was held in Mt. Pleasant in May, which was attended with a marked interest as characteristic of young life consecrated to God.

While this has not been a year of general revivals, still we have not been without some seasons of the generous outpourings of the Holy Spirit. Winfield, Mt. Pleasant, and First Church and Grace Church, Burlington, have been blessed in a large measure in the conversion of souls and the increasing of the membership, while nearly all of the other charges received spiritual uplift and a quickening of the faith.

The reports will show that the salaries of the preachers are quite gen-

erally paid. I have been watching this matter with some solicitude during the year, so far as possible, guarding against deficiencies in these claims. If only the Stewards will systematize their efforts, and then bestow the same opportune care in looking after these interests which characterizes their own secular concerns, the preachers will be paid up to date, and paid in full.

I believe we shall be able to report an increase in our benevolences this year.

The patronage given to our Church papers is on the increase. I have given special attention to this matter in our Quarterly Conference, and this has not been without some fruit. It is not only necessary that the official members should patronize and read the Advocates themselves, but also aid the pastor in his canvass for the paper by commending its importance to others.

The Iowa Wesleyan University closed up, last June, one of the most successful year's work in all of its history, and has already entered hopefully upon the work of the new year. Rev. F. D. Blakeslee, the newly-elected President, with his able corps of professors and tutors, gives promise of large results for future years.

In the early part of the Conference year, Brother Michael See, a typical Methodist preacher of the pioneer days, died at his residence in Indianapolis, and in a few days after his wife joined him in the heavenly country. Also, Rev. W. F. Cowles, D. D., for many years one of the leading and most influential members of the Conference, passed to his reward in great triumph. Death also entered the home of Brother and Sister H. F. Gilbert, and took from their embrace their only child, a daughter. So also into our own home the death angel has come, and borne from our circle the precious wife and mother, and we are sad and lonely. For some weeks past we have waited with tenderest care and anxious solicitude for our loved one, until the afternoon of the 23d of September, 1899, when she was not, for God took her, and on Monday afternoon of the 25th, kind friends tenderly bore her remains to the Forest Home Cemetery, where they were laid to rest to await the resurrection of the just.

The same gospel of consolation and hope which we have preached unto others in times of like sorrow, we have found to be our support in the midst of suffering and death.

To those who cared for the interests of the district in my necessary absence, and to my brethren whose kindly words of sympathy have so helped us in carrying our sorrows, we hereby extend our hearty thanks.

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

C. S. COOPER, Presiding Elder.

AFTER adjournment of Conference at Montezuma, the pastors of the district reached their fields of labor with no unreasonable delay. Exline Circuit, "left to be supplied," was served until May 15th by Joseph M. Calhoun, of Springfield, Ohio. John H. Holland, a local

preacher of Milton Charge, supplied the work for the remainder of the year. A neglected field, formerly known as Embury, in Lee County, has been taken up and very profitably worked by John H. Dimmitt, of Mt. Pleasant. Last March, Bishop Warren transferred S. W. Siberts from Cantril Circuit to Mercedes, a mission in Argentina, South America. The charge thus made vacant was "supplied" by Lincoln Hughes, of Fruitland, Iowa. C. H. Holland, one of our local preachers at Milton, was sent to Concepcion, Chili, as a teacher in the mission school at that place. Luther Lawson, sent from our district in 1896, a missionary to India, has returned home on sick leave.

Evangelistic services were much hindered during the winter season by the general prevalence of la grippe and diphtheria, and in the spring-time by the excessive rains and deep mud; so that not much, comparatively speaking, was accomplished in the work of conversions. Some notable exceptions, however, should be mentioned. Fairfield, Milton, and First Church, Keokuk, were blessed with gracious revivals, at which as many as one hundred and fifty persons professed conversion, and the Churches were greatly revived. Other brethren in various places labored with equal earnestness and fidelity, but with less visible results. Not more than four hundred persons were converted during the past year in all the charges of the district. The prayer of many hearts continues to be, "O Lord, revive thy work!" Hence we look for larger results in the near future.

The material prosperity, so noticeable in the district for the past two years, shows at present no signs of abatement. The new church at Elm Grove, R. Weese pastor, was dedicated early in the year by Rev. J. W. Lambert, of Knoxville. Another church at Floris, in the same charge, is now in process of erection. On the 20th of August, at Batavia, Bishop C. C. McCabe dedicated a new church worth \$5,000. A. E. Thornley is the pastor. The church at Mt. Sterling, Keosauqua Circuit, James B. Eyestone pastor, has been repaired at a cost of \$175. Center Chapel, another church on same circuit, was remodeled at a cost of \$600. Dr. C. L. Stafford officiated at the re-opening. Fairfield Church, I. O. Kemble pastor, is now undergoing extensive repairs at a cost of \$——. The church and parsonage at Cincinnati, J. A. Sinclair pastor, has received \$175 improvement. On the Exline Church \$100 was expended. Wesley Chapel, Salem Circuit, J. W. Carson pastor, was repaired and refitted at a cost of \$200. Farmington Church, G. W. Barber pastor, received new windows and other improvements at a cost of \$260. At Mt. Zion, E. S. Daly pastor, \$70 was expended on the church. At Chatham Square, J. A. Boatman pastor, the parsonage has received \$400 in repairs and improvements. First Church, Keokuk, has about completed the payment of its old debt. The debts on the following parsonages were canceled: Troy, \$200; West Grove, \$300, and Mt. Zion, \$100. No debts now remain on any of the above-mentioned churches and parsonages.

The new brick church at Keosauqua, R. L. Patterson pastor, is now inclosed, and the brethren hope to dedicate in November. The

church will be worth about \$6,000. The corner-stone of the Bloomfield Church, T. B. Hughes pastor, was laid on Saturday, September 23d. It is expected to complete the building this year at a cost of \$20,000. Moulton Charge, J. W. Jeffrey, Jr., pastor, is about ready to begin building their new church, to cost \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Two sessions of the District Conference were held—one at Milton, in November; the other at Eldon, in August. The Conference at Eldon was unusually well attended. There were present twenty-six pastors, forty-two lay members, and eight visitors. Large numbers of people attended each session. Much effort was devoted to secure spiritual results, together with careful consideration of the "benevolences," the educational interests, and the Twentieth-century Movement of the Church. Dr. Stafford, president, and Rev. T. J. Myers, treasurer of our College, were present with us at Milton, and made earnest pleas for Christian education. Dr. Blakeslee, the new President-elect of the Iowa Wesleyan, with Brother Myers, was present at Eldon. The Doctor, in an earnest and patriotic address on education, easily won his way to all our hearts.

One Educational Convention was held at Batavia, where the general interests of education were discussed before the people. Rev. A. E. Thornley, pastor, read an interesting history of our Mt. Pleasant College.

One session of the District Epworth League was held at Bloomfield in May of this year. It was an enthusiastic assembly. Rev. James B. Eyestone was re-elected President. With pleasure we note the improved condition and advance movement of Epworth League work within the district. New Chapters have been organized, and old ones revived. More Presidents attend the Quarterly Conferences and report their work. More devotional meetings are cultivating the spirit and securing the purpose of the Methodist class-meeting. More intelligent and steady effort is made to attain the high standard of New Testament experience and life set up by the Church in her Epworth League work. More attention is also given by pastors and superintendents to the Junior League work of the Church. We are expecting much of the Epworth League in the Twentieth-century Movement.

The benevolent enterprises of the Church have received more than usual attention. Several charges will show an increase in the collections for this year. The decrease which some others may show is caused largely by the building and repairing of churches and parsonages. "The reports" will also show a slight increase over last year in pastoral support.

With grateful recognition of the good providence attending us during the year, and with sincere appreciation of the kind forbearance and helpful interest of the brethren, we submit our second annual report.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

J. C. W. COXE, Presiding Elder.

THE Muscatine District has enjoyed a year of general peace and measurable prosperity. The pastors who were returned to their charges have been diligent and faithful. Those newly appointed were promptly

at their post of duty, and have proved themselves "good stewards of the manifold grace of God." Five charges were "left to be supplied." On the Blue Grass Circuit, the Rev. Alex. Telfer has been "full of good works," not the least of his achievements being the erection of a comfortable house for the pastor. For the Koszta Circuit, the Rev. H. I. Rutledge was secured. By his manliness and devotion he has won the universal esteem of the people, and their is a unanimous request for his return. For Millersburg Circuit, we were fortunate in retaining Brother L. A. Crull, whose efficient service the year before had endeared him to the people. The parsonage has been renovated and improved, and all is in good shape for another year of successful work. The Nichols Circuit has been served by the Rev. C. E. Fitzsimmons, a graduate of our University, and a young man of sterling character. He has done good work, not the least meritorious of which was taking to himself an excellent wife. For the Tiffin Circuit, we were disappointed in the miscarriage of plans which had been carefully made, and the failure to secure the brother upon whom we had relied for this work. Some delay ensued when we engaged the Rev. T. A. Miller, a supernumerary member of the Upper Iowa Conference. For some reason the appointment did not prove a happy one, and on July 8th, Mr. Miller resigned the charge. We were fortunate in securing the services of the Rev. W. N. Hall, who has administered the affairs of the charge with rare discretion. No benevolent collections had been taken prior to his coming, and his diligent gleanings will not suffice to make good the entire apportionments to the charge.

The revival spirit has not been general, though a healthy increase has been secured on many charges. Faithful pastoral labor has resulted in much "hand-picked fruit," which we believe will prove of good keeping quality. Much attention has been given to the children and young people; the Sunday-schools are generally reported as in a good condition; and the Epworth League has proved a valuable helper to many pastors, as well as an excellent training-school for Christian work. Not all the Leagues have yet cast off the swaddling bands of childhood, and escaped from the "cut-and-dried" expositions of the League topics; but in many League devotional-meetings the heart is given the right of way, and edification in Christian character is steadily aimed at.

I am not able to report, even approximately, upon the result of the benevolent campaign for the year, in view of the fact that so many of the pastors were after "the last man" and the last dollar (or dime) up to almost the last day of the Conference year. One pastor reports his surprise at his excellent collections, and can account for it only from the fact that he took the collections early in the year. Some other pastors would be agreeably surprised if they were to pursue the same course. The benevolent causes would fare better, and so also would the pastoral claims, were the final competitive dash at the end of the year avoided.

Church and parsonage improvements have not been extensive, though some advance has been made. Two have been already noted. The parsonage at Lexington has been completed, the ground graded, and inclosed with a neat fence, the barn moved to a less conspicuous and yet convenient

place, the result being a tasteful and convenient home for the incoming pastor. At Riverside the barn has been moved and re-shingled, new walks have been laid about the parsonage, and all things made tidy for the new incumbent. The church at Keota was dedicated in October, \$1,400 being at that time pledged to cover all indebtedness. The remodeled church is both tasteful and convenient. The Church at West Chester has been papered and painted within, and has a new roof.

An interesting and profitable session of the District Conference was held at Wilton in November, and a District Ministerial Association at Lexington in May. Both were well attended, were markedly spiritual in tone, and brought out a number of papers of genuine literary merit and permanent value.

The District Camp-meeting did not break the monotonous record of many years. The services of an evangelist—the Rev. C. Fenwick Reed, of Terre Haute, Indiana—were secured for afternoon and evening meetings. The preaching of the morning, however, was by able brethren invited from other districts. The gospel was plainly, faithfully, and fearlessly presented; but the visible harvest was scant. We can but hope that some fruit may appear hereafter, and also that some wise Daniel may yet come to judgment who shall solve the problem of success for this encampment.

The case of the Rev. John Bridges, who two years ago declined to go to his appointment, was, at the last session of our Conference, referred to the Presiding Elder for trial. Not until very recently have we succeeded in ascertaining his residence—too near to our present session to permit of the judicial proceedings ordered. We think, also, that we can point out “a more excellent way.”

I have been blessed with uniform health and strength, equal to every demand during the year, and have not failed of a single service. The homes of the pastors have been graciously guarded from any serious illness or calamity. For these mercies—for the privilege of labor, for the blessed ministry of love, for the joy of success, for abiding and abounding faith and exultant hope—we give thanks unto “God, who always causeth us to triumph in Christ.”

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

W. G. WILSON, Presiding Elder.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—Immediately after Conference, the pastors of the Oskaloosa District were at their posts of duty, and with one exception, have continued to the close of the year.

The latter part of February, the Rev. C. H. Westfall, pastor at Thornburg, asked to be relieved of his charge, that he might take an appointment in Arkansas, with a promise of a transfer to that Conference. Rev. C. N. Pace, a graduate of the Iowa Wesleyan University last June, has supplied that charge with acceptability to the people.

After consultation with the Bishop, and looking over the ground as best I could, it appeared advisable to accede to the desire of the people

of Victor appointment, on the Victor Charge, Rev. C. R. Zimmerman pastor, for preaching twice each Sunday, and arrangement was made for the appointment of an assistant pastor, and I appointed Rev. J. W. Wilson, a local preacher of Whatcheer, who has served very acceptably in that relation.

The health of the pastors and their families has commonly been good, though W. N. Groome, pastor of Whatcheer Charge; George Schlenker, pastor of Beacon Circuit, and D. S. Dunlavy, pastor of Reasnor Circuit, each had a severe spell of sickness in the winter, which materially interfered with their work.

Rev. Elias Handy, pastor of Newton Circuit, had a narrow escape from a railroad wreck, which disabled him for some weeks.

The latter part of November, the Rev. S. H. Thomas, an honored superannuate member of this Conference, passed to his reward. He was in his usual health, and had just retired for the night, and in a few moments he was not, for God had taken him. Brother Thomas was a good man and greatly respected and beloved by the people with whom he had lived since his superannuation.

Immediately after Conference the brethren on the Beacon and Delta Circuits, under the leadership of their pastors, Rev. George Schlenker and Rev. G. H. Hanawalt, began the erection of parsonages. Both these enterprises were pressed to successful conclusions by mid-winter, and these appointments are now supplied with commodious and comfortable homes for their pastors, the former at a cost of about \$1,100 and the latter about \$700.

The brethren at Montezuma, Rev. P. J. Henness pastor, have secured a splendid location for church and parsonage, and have sold the old parsonage, and are building what will be one of the most commodious and attractive parsonages in the Conference. It is to be completed the first of November, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000.

Forest Home Church, on the Ewart Circuit, Rev. D. F. Stiles pastor, was burned in the early spring. Through the foresight of the pastor an insurance policy for \$500 had been taken out. This enabled this struggling society to rebuild, and on the 3d inst. a neat little church was dedicated by Rev. D. Phillips, at a cost of about \$850.

The brethren at Reasnor, Rev. D. S. Dunlavy pastor, sold their old church-building and bought a union church-building upon a very desirable site. This they have remodeled into a modern and commodious church, with raised seats and a large lecture-room, at an expense of about \$1,800. It was dedicated by Dr. Stafford in February, all liabilities being provided for. Tool Chapel, on this circuit, has also been greatly improved, at an expense of \$625. This was reopened by Dr. Stafford, free of debt, the 17th inst. The brethren of Malcom, Rev. A. W. Haines pastor, have arranged to build a lecture-room to their church, at a cost of about \$600.

Improvements have been made in quite a number of other churches at greater or less expense, to wit.: Brooklyn, A. V. Kendrick, pastor; Thornburg, C. N. Pace, pastor; Whatcheer, W. N. Groome, pastor; Kellogg, D. R. Martin, pastor; New Sharon, I. P. Teter, pastor; Sonora.

A. S. Loveall, pastor; and Taintor, A. J. Good, pastor. Old debts have been provided for at Newton, C. V. Cowan, pastor; Deep River, D. Phillips, pastor; Barnes City, W. C. Van Schoiack, pastor; and Lacey, W. A. Longnecker, pastor. The brethren at Grinnell, J. E. Corley pastor, have refunded their debt at a lower rate of interest, and are making substantial headway in paying it off. The brethren of Central Church, Oskaloosa, M. Bamford pastor, are keeping things well in hand, and hope, through the sale of property and the collection of subscription notes, to pay their debt.

The large tabernacle on the old camp-ground near Oskaloosa has been taken down and moved to Bethel Grove Camp-ground, in the bounds of Barnes City Circuit, and a sufficiently large and much more convenient tabernacle has been erected. This was done too late for a successful camp-meeting this year; but under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. W. C. Van Schoiack, an interesting meeting was held.

One of the most interesting and enthusiastic League Conventions in the history of the district was held at Thornburg, June 6th to 8th. There are thirty Epworth League Chapters in the district, and about 1,600 members. Four hundred Epworth Heralds are taken, and about the same number of Advocates.

Two interesting and profitable District Conferences have been held, one at Barnes City, November 14th to 16th, and one at Reasnor, August 15th to 17th.

The benevolences have been looked after with faithfulness upon the part of the pastors, and will not vary largely from the reports of last year.

The revival interest in this district has not been marked. There were good meetings at Bethel Church, on the Lynnville Circuit, A. C. Boyd, pastor; Rose Hill appointment, on the Rose Hill Circuit, A. W. McBlain, pastor; and Guernsey appointment, on the Victor Circuit, J. W. Wilson, assistant pastor; and more or less conversions in nearly all the charges. Several meetings that promised good results had to be closed on account of sickness and the extremely cold weather. About three hundred and fifty conversions have been reported in this district.

Rev. M. Bamford closes a full term of pastoral service at Central Church, Oskaloosa. Central Church, with its splendid building and consolidated and enthusiastic membership, is ample vindication of his repeated appointment to that charge. I am sure that I speak for this entire Conference when I express regret that Brother Bamford feels constrained, on account of his health, to seek a milder climate.

I gratefully acknowledge the unfailing goodness of God and the love and forbearance of my brethren.

Two things have militated against the work of the Church this year. The first, accidental and local, is the fact that during the first seven months it was next to impossible to do normal Church work on account of the almost unprecedentedly bad weather; the second, in my judgment, of a far more general and serious character, is the low state of spiritual life in the Church. I do not overlook the fact that there is upon the part of both preachers and people a fair degree of loyalty to Christ and the Church,

but that there is upon the part of both a dullness of Christian experience, a sluggishness of faith, a lack of real interest in lost men, I can not doubt. I feel it in myself, I feel it in others; and the failure of the Church, not only in not accomplishing great things for God, but in not undertaking great things, is a revelation of the same thing.

We have raised the cry of two million souls for Christ; but who doubts that thus far the call is only nominal, that the Church has either not heard this call, or, having heard, has misinterpreted it, and instead of girding herself for the mighty struggle necessary to success, she is simply polishing her accoutrements and lining up her forces for dress-parade. This call of our chief pastors must become God's trumpet-call to both preachers and people to humble themselves in dust and ashes under his mighty hand, or defeat and confusion await us. I think I see this as plain as light; my only alarm is that I may not feel it as it ought to be felt.

We may get the twenty million dollars. Our people have the money, and, moved by denominational pride or a sincere desire to see the cause of God prosper, they may put it upon the altar; but God only can give the souls, and he can not give them except to a consecrated and anointed Church. The glory of Methodism in the past is that she has been preeminently a soul-saving agency. That must be her glory in the future. Whatever else she may do, if she fails here, her glory is departed. Brethren, I am not a pessimist. I believe in God. I believe in God's Word. I believe in his Church. I believe in Methodism and in the future of Methodism; but I believe in the future of Methodism because I have hope for a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit upon her ministry and membership that will put her where she belongs, well to the front, among the evangelizing forces of the world.

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

D. C. SMITH, Presiding Elder.

IN making my Sixth Annual Report, I feel keenest gratitude to my Heavenly Father for his sustaining grace; to my brethren in the pastorate for their faithful co-operation; and to all the laity who have been in sympathy with our polity and religious work, and whose personal kindnesses have lightened the burdens of my office.

Twenty-five of our charges received pastors by appointment of Bishop Vincent one year ago. Two charges, Marysville and Blakesburg, were supplied by the Presiding Elder, who appointed to these charges respectively, Brothers John S. Decker and J. Willard DeYoe, young men who were then, and are now, recommended for admission on trial in the Annual Conference.

Brother J. E. Vanwinkle, who was reappointed to Eddyville, after a few weeks of labor, was prostrated with severe illness, and although partially recovering in a few weeks, continued so depleted in strength, that he yielded to his physician's advice and resigned the charge at the end of three months. I then secured the services of Rev. U. S. Smith, a member

of the Conference who was attending school in our college, and who proved a very efficient pastor for the nine months.

A few of our pastors were away on short vacations for health; but all have continued in charge up to date and doing faithful work.

Death entered one of our pastoral homes and took away a lovely wife and excellent Christian woman; namely, Mrs. Gertrude Rowe Ingham, the wife of Brother Hardy A. Ingham. There went with her also their first-born and only child. Other pastors were called to bury near and dear relatives, but not those of their immediate household.

The pastors report about three hundred and fifty conversions during the year, and one hundred and seventy-five received into full membership. These facts indicate that there were no extensive revivals; but I think we are reaching conditions now which, in the near future, will result in larger spiritual quickening and ingathering.

Some material improvements have been made. The total raised for church and parsonage improvement aggregates \$7,221.

The following charges are credited thus: Attica, \$70; Knoxville, \$50; Marysville, \$40; Blakesburg, \$60; Fremont, \$25; Cedar, \$140; Main Street, Ottumwa, \$163; Sigourney, \$45; Unionville, \$715; Pleasant Plain, \$18; Iconium, \$180; Kirkville, \$78; Packwood, \$105; Albia, \$130; Tracey, \$600; Durham, \$100; Lovilia, \$200; Martinsburg, \$100. Also, a new and beautiful church was built in Richland at a cost of \$4,200, through the leadership of Pastor W. S. Moore, and was dedicated, June 18th, by Dr. H. C. Jennings, assisted by the Presiding Elder, the pastor, and others. Brother Hightshoe, the pastor at Sigourney, has been pushing a subscription for a new church to cost eight or ten thousand dollars.

Two sessions of the District Conference were held; the first in the town of Albia, last November, and the second in Brighton, August 7th, 8th, and 9th. Both were well attended and very successful in their appropriate work. Our college interests were well represented at the second Conference, by the presence and addresses of the treasurer, Rev. T. J. Myers; ex-President, Dr. C. L. Stafford, and the new President, the Rev. Dr. Blakeslee. The latter captivated the audience for higher Christian education by his able address.

The District Epworth League held a very profitable annual Convention in Moravia during the first week in June, and appointed its next annual meeting for Knoxville.

During the six years of my supervision we have passed through somewhat crucial times; yet our membership has increased twelve per cent, and the value of our church property about twenty per cent. We have arranged for the Bishop's approval another charge, which increases the number of charges in the four last years from twenty-six to twenty-eight. To our brethren on the frontier, this will appear like very small expansion; but to those who understand the crowded and cramped condition of our Conference territory, it will mean some advancement.

We have but a small number of local preachers, as compared with former years, which I think is accounted for, in part, by an unwillingness of many to pursue the course of study provided by the Church. But in

consequence the number of exhorters exceeds that of local preachers, seeing they are not required to pursue systematic study. The list of superannuated preachers remains as last year: Fathers Anthony Robinson, James G. Thompson, and John B. Hill, with the addition at last Conference of Brother Warren A. Phelps. The latter reports himself as having somewhat improved in health, and as now living in Catalina Island, California. Father Robinson still lingers—though in his ninetieth year—in the sweet, trusting spirit of the saint. Father Thompson, eighty-five years old, came close to the border land a few weeks ago. When but partially recovered from his illness, he said to me, "I may not be here when Conference meets; but tell my brethren I love them and pray for them; and I want them to be *true Prohibitionists*." Father Hill retains his wonderful strength and devoted spirit, and still does much work in aiding the pastors. We have two supernumerary preachers: Brother J. T. Simmons, who is full of industry and also Christian faith and good works; and Brother Warren A. Jackson, who, after a year's rest, thinks he is now able to enter the effective ranks and take a charge.

I believe, too, that Brother Frank W. Evans, D. D., who lives in Des Moines, had his last charge in this district, and ought to be numbered with us. He has sustained a supernumerary relation to the Conference for, I think, eight years. During that time he has been active in the lecture field, and in aiding pastors in revival work.

The Churches have a large number of young people, fifteen hundred of whom are in the Epworth League, besides nearly half as many in the Junior League. Most of these young persons are active in Christian life, or would like to be. This fact calls loudly for wise and active leadership, both in the ministry and lay officary. These young people must work, or die spiritually. Most of them are the active friends of the pastors. The latter should trust them, and fill their hands with responsibilities, and feed them continually with the Bread of Heaven.

I now cheerfully give place to another, trusting that the Bishop will be divinely guided in his choice, and will select a man whose life and work qualify him well for this important office.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

WE, the Auditing Committee, report the following bills:

Secretary's expenses—stationery, printing, etc.....	\$9 15
Statistical secretary's expenses.....	2 75
Treasurer's expenses.....	1 00
Total	\$12 90

F. B. TUCKER, Chairman.

BIBLE SOCIETY.

WE recognize the Holy Bible as the only authoritative revelation of God's will to man regarding his present and eternal welfare. In view of the persistent efforts of certain false teachers to set up another book as of equal authority, we deem it important that our ministry proclaim with renewed zeal our faith in the Bible as the "only and sufficient rule of both our faith and practice." We commend to the hearty support of our people the American Bible Society, and urge our preachers to present this cause to every congregation.

COMMITTEE.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

BELIEVING that Christian literature is an important factor in the development of Christian character, and recognizing the power for spiritual development in the literature of our *Advocates* and *Epworth Herald*, we urge a wider circulation of these periodicals among our people. We are glad to note the improvement of the *Central Christian Advocate*, and urge upon our people loyalty to our own Church papers.

We also note with pleasure the improved character of the Berean system of Sabbath-school Lesson helps, and believing that our Book Concern merits our loyal support and patronage, therefore, we recommend and urge greater activity in the effort to place the same in all our schools.

COMMITTEE.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

WHEREAS, The Conference Claimant Fund is one of the interests to be considered in the Twentieth-century Offering; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Stewards be constituted a Committee to look after the matter, and make a special effort to build up the permanent fund of the Conference.

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY.

YOUR Committee to whom was referred the questions of the Iowa Children's Home and the American Home-finding Association, beg leave to report: That while we express our hearty sympathy with their work, we do not feel called upon to offer any recommendation concerning their methods in operation.

GEORGE FILMER, Chairman.

G. W. BARBER, Secretary.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

YOUR Committee report as follows:

With gratitude to God, we congratulate the Church for the work done by this Society, and the large amount which has been received by the Board since its beginning, our own Conference having contributed up to the close of the last fiscal year \$20,351.76. Twenty-six churches of this Conference have received aid by donation to the amount of \$4,031.61, and by loan \$4,150.

We recommend that the \$3,000 apportioned to the Conference be raised, and that each pastor be urged to keep before the people the possibilities for good in the phase of the work under the Twentieth-century Thank-offering of \$250 from individuals to build memorial churches, commending in this connection Mr. William Holoway, of Winfield, Iowa, who, through his pastor, has given \$250 to build a church.

We offer the following resolutions:

1. That in the death of Dr. A. J. Kynett, who so efficiently served for so long a time as Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, we feel that the Society has lost an able, successful officer, the Church a faithful servant, and the ministry a brother beloved.

2. That we, as a Conference, will co-operate with the Board of Church Extension in securing within the ensuing three years Twentieth-century Thank-offerings for Church Extension to the amount of \$1,000,000.

3. That our Presiding Elders be requested to apportion, with care, the full amount asked for Church Extension to the several districts and pastoral charges for collection, and that, availing ourselves of the helps provided by the Board, and especially *Christianity in Earnest* and *Glad Tidings*, we will present this cause, and endeavor to secure at least the amount asked in accordance with the plan of our Discipline.

By order of Committee.

W. B. MARSH, Secretary.

T. B. HUGHES, Chairman.

REPORT OF DEACONESS BOARD.

IN accord with the direction of the last Conference, we employed for a time Miss Harriet Grimes, of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home, Cincinnati, Ohio, who rendered faithful and efficient service, but owing to the extreme weather the results were not all that could be desired.

Following is the financial statement:

Receipts—Collections: Keosauqua, \$1.60; Brooklyn, \$5.75; Marengo, \$6.25; Keokuk: First Church, \$1.51. Special services: Knoxville, \$10; Reasnor, \$10. Total, \$35.11.

Expenses—Treasurer's expenses, \$19.73; allowance and Home expenses, \$19. Total, \$38.73. Deficit, \$13.62.

Nominations for members of the Third Class: R. L. Patterson, J. E. Newsom, Mrs. D. C. Bevan.

It is the unanimous recommendation of the Board that the Conference authorize the securing of a Conference deaconess the coming year, and that the Churches employing said deaconesses pledge their hearty support in meeting the necessary expenses.

L. G. MURPHY, Secretary.

R. L. PATTERSON, President.

DEACONESS WORK.

WE are pleased to note the increasing power of this movement, and trust the work may soon be organized in all the large cities within the bounds of our Conference. We are convinced that this movement is an effectual means of reaching the unsaved masses, and by caring for the sick and destitute constitutes a glorious and Scriptural sphere in which consecrated young womanhood may do effective work for the Master.

R. BREEDEN, Secretary.

E. E. DOUD, Chairman.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

THE Committee on District Conference Records report as follows:

We have examined the District Conference Records of the Ottumwa, Oskaloosa, and Keokuk Districts, and find them correctly kept.

The records of Burlington and Muscatine Districts were not submitted for examination.

W. S. KIGHT.

W. S. MOORE, Secretary.

ENABLING ACT.

To the Iowa Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

A PROPOSITION

From the Baltimore Annual Conference respecting additional legislation relating to Equal Ministerial and Lay Representation in the General Conference of 1900 to the several Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

AN ENABLING ACT.

The Committee to whom was referred the question of Equal Ministerial and Lay Representation in the General Conference of 1900 beg leave to report that, as the Rock River Conference proposition made no provision for the seating of such lay delegates, if they should be selected, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, 1. That the Baltimore Annual Conference, at its session held in Baltimore, Maryland, beginning March 1, 1899, hereby requests the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church to submit to the several Annual Conferences, at the first regular session of each Conference held after the present date, the following proposition to amend the Discipline, to-wit:

FIRST—Amend Paragraph 60 of the Book of Discipline by striking out all the words after "The lay delegates shall consist of," and inserting the words "one layman for each Annual Conference, except such Conferences as have more than one ministerial delegate, which Conferences shall each be entitled to as many lay delegates as ministerial delegates;" so that Paragraph 60 as amended shall read:

"Paragraph 60. The lay delegates shall consist of one layman for each Annual Conference, except such Conferences as have more than one ministerial delegate, which Conferences shall each be entitled to as many lay delegates as ministerial delegates."

SECOND—Amend Section 2 of Paragraph 67 of the Book of Discipline by striking out the words "nor of more than two lay delegates for any Annual Conference" and inserting the words "nor of more lay delegates from any Annual Conference than there are ministerial delegates from such Annual Conference;" so that the Section as amended shall read:

"Section 2—The General Conference shall not allow of more than one ministerial representative for every fourteen members of an Annual Conference, nor of a less number than one for every forty-five; nor of more lay delegates from any Annual Conference than there are ministerial delegates from such Annual Conference; provided, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conference a fraction of two-thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate for such fraction; and provided, also, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one ministerial and of one lay delegate."

Resolved, 2. That if three-fourths of the members of the Annual Conferences present, and voting during 1899 and 1900, shall approve of this amendment, and it shall also receive the concurrence of two-thirds of the General Conference of 1900, and the Electoral Conferences of 1899 and 1900 shall have selected provisional representatives, having the qualifications and selected in the manner now determining the election of lay delegates, so that the whole number of lay delegates and provisional representatives selected for any Conference shall equal the number of ministerial delegates for said Conference, the General Conference of 1900 may provide for their admission as lay delegates.

JOHN F. GOUCHER, Chairman.

C. HERBERT RICHARDSON, Secretary.

Done at Baltimore, March 8, 1899, by unanimous action of the Conference, 167 members recording their vote.

DANIEL A. GOODSSELL, President.

GEORGE E. MAYDWELL, Secretary.

EDUCATION.

YOUR Committee congratulates the Church upon the excellent work being done by the Board of Education in all its departments. We are especially pleased to note that of the 1,825 students aided in 1898 by loans from the "Children's Fund" of this Board, fourteen belonged within the territory of our own Conference. But we regret that more than one-third of the amount thus loaned was in excess of our Conference contribution to this fund for the same year. Greater diligence should be shown by preachers and people in securing gifts for this fund. We are also pleased to learn that during the past year our Board of Education has collected about \$15,000 in payment of loans made years ago to needy and worthy students. This adds to the resources of the fund, and that students thus aided are becoming useful and prosperous servants of the Church and of the world.

Your Committee calls special attention to "Educational Truths for the Twentieth Century," a series of four tracts by eminent writers, and recently published by the Board of Education. They can be obtained of the publishers at very low rates, and should be widely distributed and studied among our people. We heartily recommend, also, that the programs prepared by the Board of Education be used by all our Churches and Sunday-schools in their Children's-day exercises, for the reason that they are excellent in themselves, and their use promotes the welfare of the Church at large.

We can not too strongly urge young men expecting to enter the ministry to secure beforehand the most thorough preparation possible. Failure to do so narrows the sphere of a preacher's possible influence, deprives the Church and the world of the best exercise of his powers, and discounts the devotion and liberality of those who found and maintain our institutions of higher learning.

We reaffirm our fidelity to Iowa Wesleyan University, pledge our hearty sympathy and support to its President, F. D. Blakeslee, D. D., and professors, and commend the advantages it affords to all within reach of its benefits, and to all who can aid it financially. The greatness of its interests and the prosperity of our people make it a matter of supreme duty, as well as of immediate possibility, to place the university upon such a financial basis as will secure its highest efficiency as a center of learning and of religious power. The present session of the Iowa Conference should not end until the financial interests of the institution shall have been adequately recognized. Proud of the work done by Iowa Wesleyan University in the past, and cherishing undiminished faith in the still nobler future which awaits it, we pledge our fullest co-operation in all movements for the advantage of the institution, and especially in the effort now being made to largely and permanently increase its endowment fund by \$150,000 as a Twentieth-century Offering.

We call the attention of our young men who expect to preach, to the need of training for the special work of the ministry, and to the advantages offered therefor at Garrett Biblical Institute, Drew Theological

Seminary, and Boston School of Theology. And we congratulate the whole Church upon the thorough work done by these Schools of the Prophets, and upon the efficient service which has been rendered by their graduates.

Your Committee regrets the unwholesome tendency to seek scholastic and honorary degrees at institutions of no recognized standing, or prescribing wholly inadequate courses of non-resident study. Degrees so obtained confer no honor upon those who hold them, and diminish the value of degrees worthily conferred.

We recommend the appointment of the following Trustees for the Iowa Wesleyan University for Class of 1903: Rev. W. R. Cole, A. M., Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; N. M. Harris, Montezuma, Iowa; W. S. Withrow, M. S., Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Rev. T. J. Myers, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Mrs. Mary E. Huston, A. M., Burlington, Iowa; Rev. J. C. Willits, A. M., Newton, Iowa.

For Class of 1902: Rev. W. R. Stryker, B. D., Marengo, Iowa, to fill the vacancy of Rev. Morris Bamford, resigned.

For Class of 1901: W. E. Keeler, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, to fill the place of Mrs. L. M. Byrkit, resigned.

The following as Visitors to Iowa Wesleyan University:

Class of 1902: Thomas Osborn, John Hanks, and Dr. J. W. Stark, of Keokuk, Iowa.

Visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute: For one year, J. A. Boatman; for two years, J. W. Potter.

To deliver the Annual Educational Address at the next Conference, W. P. Stoddard.

EPISCOPAL FUND.

WE, your Committee on Episcopal Fund, respectfully report that we have seen all of the delinquents on the Episcopal Fund, and have collected \$17.60, which sum has been paid to the Conference Treasurer. We report as still delinquent: A. C. Boyd, \$1; W. H. Jones, 60 cents.

Districts.	Charge.	Pastor.		
Burlington,	New London,	E. E. Doud, . . .	\$0 50	
"	Morning Sun, . . .	A. E. Buriff, . . .	2 00	
"	Ainsworth,	Geo. Filmer, . . .	2 00	
				\$4 50
Keokuk, . . .	Drakeville,	R. Weese, . . .	\$5 00	
"	Keosauqua Circuit, .	J. B. Eyestone, .	80	
"	Montrose,	E. P. Meagher, .	75	
"	Mystic,	R. Collier, . . .	1 00	
"	Troy,	W. M. Erskine, .	40	
				7 95
Muscataine, .	North English, . . .	J. R. Payne, . . .	\$0 60	60
Oskaloosa, . .	Sonora,	A. S. Loveall, . .	70	70
Ottumwa, . .	Hedrick,	L. Ingham, . . .	1 25	
"	Martinsburg,	W. H. Dillon, . .	80	
"	Marysville,	John S. Decker, .	40	
"	Packwood,	C. E. Coggeshall, .	60	
"	Unionville,	S. P. Souden, . .	80	
				3 85
				<u>\$17 60</u>

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

THE Committee on Epworth League submit the following report:

We recognize in the Epworth League an important arm of the Church, and we trust that in the year before us the League may become a greater agent than ever before in the religious development of our young people.

We heartily recommend the *Epworth Herald* as worthy of a place in every Methodist home.

We recognize in the Epworth Reading Course and the Colfax Assembly and Training-school excellent opportunities for the mental and spiritual development of our young people.

We urge upon our young people the great need of a more perfect consecration to Christ, and a more aggressive Christian life.

We pray that the Holy Spirit may come upon the Church in all its departments, and that the Epworth League may be especially anointed for service in the beginning of the Twentieth Century.

G. H. HANAWALT, Chairman.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION
SOCIETY.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report that the awful crimes and the influence of them over the nation have called attention to the work of this Society as never before in its history. The whole country is startled with the conditions which prevail in some sections of the South. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, through a number of its most prominent and leading officials, has been led to commend our work most highly, and to see in what we are doing the only hope for the adjusting of the race and solving of the so-called Southern problem.

We are glad to know that this year the Society will report more money received than at any previous year.

We rejoice that non-contributing Churches for the last seven years have been disappearing from our ranks at the rate of over five hundred per year and joining the hosts of those that believe the Lord loves the cheerful giver. But we regret that there yet remain three thousand that give nothing whatever for this most worthy cause. We find that if the Society could pay its debts now, they could at once start and maintain twenty-five new schools with the money now paid out as interest.

Our Conference is only asked for \$2,600. The Committee urge that we try to raise an amount equal to twice that sum, which would be less than twenty cents per member of the Church.

We make special mention of the fact that the *Christian Educator*, a finely illustrated magazine, will be given free one year to each one who contributes one dollar to the Society. Let pastors report names to Drs. Hamilton and Mason.

J. C. CAUGHLAN, President.

D. S. DUNLAVY, Secretary.

IOWA METHODIST HOSPITAL.

Resolved, That it is with a feeling of gratitude that we hear of the proposal to build an Iowa Methodist Hospital, to be located in Des Moines. We most heartily approve of this movement, and pledge to it our hearty support.

Resolved, That, as a Conference, we are in favor of coming into the closest possible relation with this Christian enterprise, and that we will take such steps as are provided in the Articles of Incorporation to put us into effective co-operation with this movement; that we will recommend it to our people, and urge them to give it their hearty co-operation and financial support; and that we, as pastors, pledge ourselves to give it all the support we can, considering the other great interests demanding our attention and support. Further, to comply with the request of the Hospital Association, we recommend the appointment of D. C. Smith, of this Conference, to a place upon its Directory, as per Articles of Incorporation.

J. W. FRAKER,
T. B. HUGHES,
J. W. HACKLEY,
Committee.

INSURANCE.

WHEREAS, The National Methodist Mutual Insurance Company, planned by the General Conference of 1896, has been organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, and is now doing business at the rate of \$400,000 monthly, thus seeking to benefit our preachers and the general good of the Church by greatly lessening the expense of insurance, placing it at actual cost.

We therefore recommend the National as safe, cheap, and reliable, and urge our people, when taking out insurance, to investigate its merits, and aid in building up this new connectional interest of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

We approve the action of the Iowa Mutual Insurance Company in consolidating and turning over its business to the National.

E. S. DALY, Secretary.

A. W. HAINES, President.

PERIODICAL ACCOUNTS.

It is with great pleasure that your Committee would report that every account held by our Book Concern against members of our Conference has been satisfactorily adjusted.

COMMITTEE.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

YOUR Committee on Sabbath Observance would call the attention of the Church to the increasing disregard for the sacredness of the Christian Sabbath, and confess our alarm over the apparent pandering of many within the Church to this unchristian spirit. Underneath the foundations of the home and State and Church lies the Sabbath, and yet the

thoughtlessness and consequent indifference of a professed Christian people has allowed the authority and sanctity of the Sabbath to be undermined, until those who would sweep away its restraints are organized and set in battle array. They hesitate at no extreme of stealth or cunning, of audacity or insolent aggressiveness. Well they know that their only hope lies in a desecrated Sabbath. The unsanctified Sabbath is the rumseller's harvest-time. Infidelity knows that a day of rest and worship is the stronghold of vital Christianity, the stay of morality, and life of the Church, for "where there is no Sabbath, there can be no Church." The gradual transformation of the Lord's-day into a holiday, which is going on all about us, seems to be little heeded, except by a faithful few of God's children and by the children of the wicked one, who, taking encouragement from advantages gained, press the battle more fiercely. Your Committee would sound a warning, and call attention to an hour of opportunity which has come to us for the rescue of the Sabbath, such as was never before presented. Labor is making organized demand for its day of rest. If we, as Christians, will promptly and efficiently co-operate, we can be instruments in God's hands of rescuing the Sabbath from the incoming tide of iniquity that is sweeping it away, and the Sabbath that is saved to labor we can give to religion as a day of worship. We recommend that the ministry in every way discourage the tendency to Sunday excursions, picnics, dinners, and visiting, and encourage, both by precept and example, such close living to God, that through love for him we shall love his day, and thus be constrained to "remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy"

H. N. SMITH, Secretary.

JOHN H. TAYLOR, President.

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

YOUR Committee on the State of the Country desires to submit the following report:

Mighty events are transpiring with great rapidity. These are times in which a nation may be born or die in a day. In the early dawn of the Twentieth Century we are facing problems of the gravest nature and of most momentous concern,—problems of State, Church, and of social life; problems of education, invention, science, literature, and art; problems of home, health, and of childhood, calling for men of ripest scholarship, maturest judgment, and of staunchest character. We are glad to announce the march of progress. The music of the hammer and the wheel is heard North, South, East, and West. The song of industry abroad in the land has put gladness into millions of hearts, for now there is work for the laboring man, and bread for the hungry. We rejoice that it is the spirit of our nation to maintain at home both civil and religious liberty, and also to carry these great blessings to the oppressed in the islands of the sea. We trust that, wherever our army and navy have gone, or may go, carrying the Stars and Stripes, the symbol of the truest manhood—because the flag, when properly interpreted, is the symbol of the truest liberty—that the breaches which our great guns have made may prove,

under the providence of God, to be but gateways through which the gospel of Christ shall flow to give light to them which sit in gross darkness, and liberty to those who are in bondage. Therefore, we pray for the success of our boys in blue, and that peace may soon be the soldier's song. We also pray that they who sit in State and in national authority, and that he who is the Chief Executive of the land, may all be men of God; and that no polygamist may be ever seated in Congress. Let the State be just, the Church holy, and the society pure—then the rich and the poor, capital and labor, will sit down at the banquet of peace, and the Golden Rule obtain in all the activities of life, public and private. Respectfully submitted.

WM. R. JEFFREY, JR., Secretary.

U. S. SMITH, Chairman.

SHEPHERD ESTATE.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Having been appointed at the last Annual Conference, from the Board of Stewards, to make settlement for the C. W. Shepherd estate, the permanent fund for superannuated preachers, I report as follows:

I found in the hands of C. Wright, Esq., the affairs of the Shepherd estate. Together we examined the books, and found \$449.88 had been received by the said Shepherd, thirty-three and one-third of which was to apply on his salary, leaving \$299.92 due the said fund.

To offset this, we found receipts signed by the Treasurer, Geo. Haw, as follows: September 20, 1897, receipt for \$106 paid; September 4, 1896, receipt for \$30 paid; September 22, 1896, receipt for \$40 paid. Also another receipt for \$40, date not given. Total paid to George Haw, \$216. Balance due from Shepherd estate, \$83.92, which was paid to me, and turned into the treasury. In addition, there were unpaid amounts in small subscriptions, mostly given by brethren of the Conference, a transcript of which I have from his book, for \$116.25. Also, note by Esther Rose, of Riverside, Iowa, calling for \$500. I found the note secured by mortgage given by J. E. Strabala for \$300. Also, two smaller notes, for \$20 each, signed by Albert Figgins and Amanda Figgins. These three notes had been given to Brother Shepherd as payment for \$340 upon the said Rose \$500 note.

I collected the \$300 note and the interest then due, \$26. but have found the two smaller notes uncollectible. This leaves a balance of \$160 of the principal of the note.

It is claimed by the executor of the Rose estate that he gave order to Brother Shepherd for \$80 interest, then due from the Iowa Wesleyan University to the Rose estate, and paid balance to Brother Shepherd in cash. Brother Shepherd's book has a credit from Rose estate, September 8, 1897, for \$104, and January 4, 1898, from Mr. Essly, for \$48. making \$152.

I hold the receipt of George Haw for \$344.65 paid. My expenses in travel were \$4; and for the release of mortgage, 50 cents, leaving balance in my hands of \$60.77. Respectfully submitted.

U. B. SMITH.

STEWARDS' REPORT.

QUESTION 1. *What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?*

ANSWER. Of the effective preachers, nothing; of superannuates and widows, \$7,000.

QUESTION 2. *What Sums have been Received on these Claims, and how have they been Distributed?*

ANSWER 1. Received from collections, \$1,924; from Chartered Fund, \$22; from the Book Concern, \$824; from Conference Fund, \$60.35; special collection at Conference, \$69.87; Contingent Fund, \$31.85; total, \$2,932.07.

ANSWER 2. Distributed as follows:

TO SUPERANNUATES.

Names.	Amount.	By Whom Taken.
J. B. Hill,	\$160 00	J. B. Hill.
Jesse Craig,	160 00	E. L. Schreiner.
J. B. Hardy,	160 00	Self.
N. Wells,	160 00	W. P. Stoddard.
J. G. Thompson,	160 00	A. B. Hightshoe.
James Haynes,	70 00	E. L. Schreiner.
W. A. Phelps,	65 00	"
W. C. Shippen,	30 00	"
Total,	\$965 00	

TO WIDOWS.

Names.	Amount.	By Whom Taken.
Mrs. Belle Coddington,	\$10 00	Dr. F. E. Brush.
" Mary E. Freeland,	150 00	J. C. Willits.
" Rebecca Donaldson,	100 00	J. W. Carson.
" Martha Reynolds,	25 00	E. L. Schreiner.
" Hannah J. Hare,	110 00	"
" Clara S. Wheeler,	130 00	"
" Alice Allison,	90 00	"
" Olive Wayman,	10 00	T. W. Adams.
" I. I. Stewart,	10 00	W. P. Stoddard.
" Mary R. McDonald,	120 00	E. L. Schreiner.
" Mary Latham,	100 00	"
" C. I. Kirkpatrick,	125 00	"
" Rebecca D. Hestwood,	100 00	J. W. Lambert.
" Mary Haynes,	100 00	I. P. Teter.
" R. G. Wilson,	10 00	P. J. Henness.
" Victoria Robertson,	75 00	J. W. Hackley.
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" J. W. Lewis,	120 00	Self.
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Total,	\$1,925 00	

Respectfully submitted."

J. C. KENDRICK, Chairman.
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SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.

WE regard the Sunday-school as one of the most important factors in the religious and educational life, not only of our own age, but of the ages to come, in teaching the Bible and bringing the gospel to the vast multitude of children and youth. We recognize the great responsibility attaching to the fact that the Sunday-schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church contain nearly one-fourth of the Sunday-school population of the United States.

We therefore recommend:

1. The greatest care in the choice of Sunday-school leaders, and in the selection of teachers; that men and women of earnest piety and aptness to teach the Scriptures be chosen.

2. That our own literature, to the exclusion of all other, be used in our Sunday-schools.

3. That the Home Department be established wherever practicable.

4. That our pastors secure accuracy and fullness in the annual statistical returns.

5. That the Sunday nearest Christmas be set apart in all our Sunday-schools for taking contributions to the Sunday-school Union of our Church.

6. That by generous giving we make it possible to help even more than the 3,500 needy schools assisted last year; and

7. That the Conference approve the apportionment of \$1,550, asked by our Sunday-school Union this year.

J. W. FRAKER,

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SUPERANNUATE FUND.

To the Iowa Annual Conference, in session at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, September 27, 1899:

I submit herewith statement of funds in my hands belonging to the permanent fund for the benefit of superannuated preachers of this Conference:

DR.

To amount on hand at date of last report.....	\$684 65
To cash received of Rev. U. B. Smith, Feb. 4, 1899.....	344 65

Total.....	\$1,029 30
Paid, on order, to Mrs. McDonald, Oct. 5, 1898.....	44 80

Total fund.....	\$984 50
Interest on fund to date, \$60.35.	

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE HAW.

Ottumwa, Iowa, September 27, 1899.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following:

1. We still assert as our platform total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the State, and pledge ourselves to labor for this desired end by all legitimate means that lie within our reach.

2. We heartily indorse the Anti-saloon League—State and national—as a practical organization by which, regardless of creed or party affiliation, we may present an unbroken front before our great enemy, the liquor power, and secure its complete overthrow at no distant date.

3. We call the attention of our ministers and all reputable citizens to the importance of attending the primaries, and using all proper efforts to secure the nomination of good men for office.

4. We respectfully petition our coming Legislature to provide for a Temperance Commission, similar to the Dairy and Railroad Commissions, having authority to provide for the proper enforcement of our prohibitory laws.

5. We rejoice in the midst of apparent backset to the cause of temperance and prohibition in Iowa that there are many healthy influences favorable to our cause. The attitude of the railway companies, manufactories, and many public works demanding total abstinence on the part of their employees is hopeful, and we trust will prove a part of the leaven that shall leaven the whole lump.

6. We desire to impress the importance of not merely resolving in favor of Temperance, but of casting our ballots only for such men of known integrity as will enact and carry out our desires.

COMMITTEE.

TOBACCO.

YOUR Committee on Tobacco desire to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, The use of tobacco has been accepted as injurious to the human race, in every form, and the Church, through its law-making body, has placed its condemnation on its use by its ministry; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That as ministers of this Conference, we will obey the rules respecting this, that our influence may be stronger among the people by being clean preachers.

Resolved, 2. That we will endeavor as far as possible to secure the election and appointment of persons to the positions of Sunday-school superintendents, Presidents of Epworth Leagues, or class-leaders, who do not use tobacco.

R. WEESE, Chairman.

M. BAMFORD.

TRACT SOCIETY.

THE Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church aids in the circulation of religious literature, particularly in the form of tracts and leaflets, throughout the entire world. Recognizing the utility of the tract as an aid in spreading the gospel, we therefore recommend:

1. That the pastors in our Conference avail themselves more generally of the offer of the Tract Society to furnish tracts to the value of one-half of the last collection taken for the Society in any charge.

2. That they secure the Tract catalogue, choose such tracts as will meet the needs of our people, and by their support, both moral and financial, assist the Society in the spread of Christian literature.

3. That the Conference approve the apportionment of \$535 asked by the Society this year.

J. W. FRAKER,
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VISITORS TO IOWA WESLEYAN.

WE are pleased to report that:

In our judgment it would be difficult to find a more efficient and harmonious Faculty. A specialist in his department, every instructor brings to his work thorough preparation, broad culture, a genuine Christian character, and untiring devotion to the cause of Christian education.

Notwithstanding the excellent record our college has made in the thorough equipment of men and women for all callings, yet we should recognize the fact that the institution has now reached a crisis which renders it necessary that the friends of Christian education respond not merely with sympathy and prayers, but with liberal contributions of money.

We most heartily approve the plan to secure \$150,000 to cancel the debt and permanently endow the institution, and hereby pledge our support to the President and all others to whom this work is committed.

The future is bright with hope, and ere long we confidently expect our college to take her proper place in the lead of similar institutions.

W. H. JONES, Secretary.

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WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church has recognized the Woman's Home Missionary Society as an efficient means of doing a work that can not be accomplished by any other organization in the Church,—

Resolved, That we, as pastors in the Iowa Conference, do all in our power to assist the members of this Society in their work; first, by open-

ing our churches to them; second, by especially welcoming Mrs. L. G. Murphy, Conference Secretary, to our charges; third, by urging our people to give them the financial support that they deserve.

J. W. CALDWELL, Secretary.

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WOMAN'S GUILD.

COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S GUILD OF THE IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

WE, your Committee to whom was referred the matter of the Woman's Guild of the Iowa Wesleyan University, beg leave to report:

The Constitution and By-laws for the Central Guild were prepared as per instructions, and duly submitted to the Conference Board of Trustees and Visitors, and by them approved and adopted.

The organization has been effected, and the officers elected as follows: President, Mrs. L. G. Murphy; Vice-Presidents—1, Mrs. Grace Huston; 2, Mrs. J. W. Stark; 3, Mrs. John Mahin; 4, Mrs. W. G. Wilson; 5, Mrs. D. H. Emory; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. McKibben; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Lillian Rogers; Treasurer, Mrs. Walter Keeler.

We heartily welcome this movement, and cordially recommend it to the sympathy of our pastors and people.

We are glad to announce that Mrs. Rebecca McCabe, the wife of our beloved Bishop, has paid her membership fee, and become the first member of the organization..

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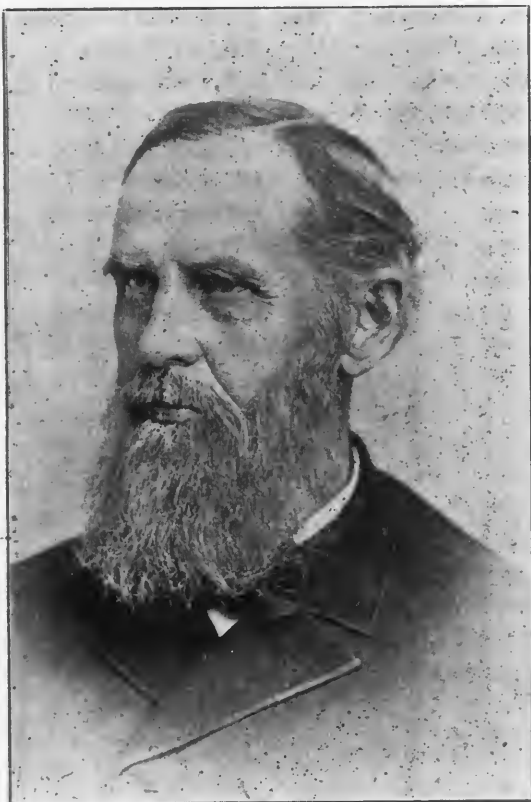
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He was one of the strong debaters, usually kept a level head, and was hard to attack or thwart. He was a friend to the young men of the Conference; in fact, he was in touch with every part of the great Church, and in sympathy with every forward movement. He was a man of strong convictions. He was a fearless advocate for the freedom of the slaves; he espoused the cause of freedom at every great meeting of the Church, and often of the State. His unanswerable arguments at camp-meetings and other places won hundreds of converts to his cause, and excited the enemy, until his life was in jeopardy oftentimes. He was a co-worker with such men as Senator Harlan, Senator Grimes, and other strong advocates for freedom.

As a recognition for his services, President Lincoln appointed him Collector of Internal Revenue for what was then known as the Fifth District, and his headquarters were at Eddyville. He served in this capacity from 1865 to 1868.

Dr. Cowles was married three times. His first wife was Miss Alexina Blanchard, of Lyons, Michigan, and they were married September 18, 1846. To them were born five children, three of whom are living—Elloura C., wife of A. C. McColm, of Ft. Dodge, Iowa; Eliza A. Cowles, who lives with Mrs. McColm; and William B. Cowles, of Omaha, Nebraska. Mrs. Cowles died in 1855. His second wife was Miss Elizabeth LaMonte, of Keokuk, Iowa. They were married in 1857. Four children were born to them, two of whom are living—LaMonte Cowles, of Burlington, Iowa, and Gardner Cowles, of Algona, Iowa. Mrs. Cowles died in August, 1873. In 1876, Dr. Cowles married Mrs. Martha Lovett Barnes, of Ottumwa, Iowa. She is the mother of one surviving son, Dr. C. E. Barnes, of Burlington, Iowa.

In 1888, Dr. Cowles took a supernumerary relation, and moved to Burlington, Iowa, and built a neat cottage on Summer Street, near the location of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, which was then under process of construction. He superintended the finances during its erection and up to the close of the last Conference year. Many times the Church was greatly discouraged and embarrassed, but with his wise counsel and heroic efforts he succeeded in guiding it safely out of danger or distress, many times advancing large sums of money to meet emergencies. He was closely identified with every business and religious interest of the Church, and a faithful friend to its pastors.

At the close of the Conference year, ending September 30, 1898, being in extreme weakness from overwork and old age, he closed all the accounts of the year, balanced the books, and turned them over to his successor with one of the most touching addresses I ever heard. This occurred in the last Official Board meeting for that year. How fitting a close for a useful life. His work was done,—tired, feeble, he closed his books, balanced his accounts, settled everything, and quietly retired to rest and abide the time of his departure to his eternal reward.

The last service he attended in Grace Church was the first service of Dr. Swadener's revival, which was begun the last of October. Gradually he grew weaker; his life was ebbing away. Up to about the first of April he was able to converse with his friends, and sit in his favorite chair. After that time he was compelled to keep his bed. We frequently sent delegations from our prayer-meetings to his bedside, to sing and pray with him, much to his delight. Many friends called on him, and sang for him at his request. The pastor spent many very profitable hours at his bedside. He was gloriously happy all the time, and his chamber was the vestibule to glory. Not a word of impatience; his testimonies were rich with assurances of the sweet comfort he enjoyed. He was ripening for eternity, and his life had a glow, rich, of the mellow luster of an earthly life ripened into the transplendent life of the redeemed in heaven. His faithful wife was at his bedside day and night for months; no want was unmet that friendly hands could provide. He was conscious to within a few hours of his departure. A few hours before his spirit went to God, the pastor held family devotions at his bedside, which was surrounded by his family, and while he probably did not hear the service, he knew of our devotions, and though too feeble to speak, gave signs of approval. He met death triumphantly in full consciousness, and passed to his reward and left his friends a great example of the power of a Christian life.

The funeral services were held at his late home, on Monday, July 17th, and brief services were conducted by the pastor, who was assisted by Rev. T. J. Myers, Dr. Stafford, and Presiding Elder Tuttle. On the Sunday following, memorial services were held in the Church, and Rev. U. B. Smith preached a touching sermon from the text, Psalms lxxiii, 24. At this service, the official Board of the Church presented the following resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE OFFICIAL BOARD OF
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WHEREAS, Our Brother, the Rev. W. F. Cowles, D. D., who for the past ten years had allied himself so closely with every interest of our Church, has been called home to receive the reward that awaits those who are faithful unto death; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cowles, since his retirement from the active work of the ministry, has in his relations as Trustee, Steward, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and particularly as a member of the Building Committee at the time of the erection of a new church edifice, devoted the closing years of his life almost entirely to the work of advancing the interests of our Church, both financially and spiritually, and in strengthening the Master's Kingdom in this locality; and

WHEREAS, By his consecrated life, exemplified in his words and actions; by his unwavering faith in carrying forward the work of building the Church at times when others of the Building Committee were discouraged and inclined to give up the project; by his unswerving loyalty to

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Brother See's first appointment was Yellow Springs Circuit, including what is now Sperry, Kossuth, Mediapolis, Morning Sun, and Wapello. He was a loyal Methodist, preaching and defending the doctrines, and rigidly adhering to the polity of the Church. From the beginning, his preaching was characterized by an unusual familiarity with the Bible. He had remarkable gifts as a revivalist. It is estimated that from 1,500 to 2,000 persons were led to Christ through his instrumentality. Among these may be mentioned Dr. Badley, Dr. Leroy Vernon, and Dr. A. J. Kynett, of Philadelphia.

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a beautiful character, much admired and loved by those who best knew her. In the family record, in her own handwriting, we find these words, "Sunday afternoon I gave my heart to the Savior, July 23, 1882. I joined the Methodist Episcopal Church July 30th" (seven days later.) At this time she was nine years old. From early childhood she manifested special talents for music, both vocal and instrumental, which were carefully cultivated under the guiding hands of Professor F. M. Godfrey and Professor W. R. Kelsey. At the early age of fifteen years, she was chosen organist for the First Church, and served very efficiently for five years. Also, for two years thereafter, she was the leading soprano of that Church choir.

On September 8, 1896, she was united in marriage to Mr. Ingham. At the Conference then in session, her husband was appointed in charge of Tracey Circuit, and here for two and one-half years a beautiful home-life was developed. Her sympathy and activity in her husband's work were constant, which helped to establish very tender relations between themselves and their people. About two weeks before her death, a daughter came to sanctify their love, but only tarried for a moment, and then took flight in advance of the mother to the heavenly home. Mrs. Ingham's last hours were full of triumph. She called the family, one by one, requesting each to meet her in heaven. Then to her husband she reviewed their pleasant and happy life, bidding him a touching farewell, adding, "Do not grieve for me; I am going to be with Jesus." After this, in her unique way, she repeated the entire hymn, "My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine," and sweetly passed away. Suitable funeral services, participated in by several ministers and a large congregation, were held in the First Church, March 13, 1899.

D. C. SMITH.

MRS. JANE E. SEE.

MRS. JANE E. SEE, widow of Rev. M. See, died November 26, 1898, of pneumonia. Her death, following so soon after that of her husband, was peculiarly sad. She was born of Isaac and Nancy Tompkins, in Essex County, New Jersey, January 3, 1831. She was married to Michael See in Wapello, 1866. For over thirty years she served her Master faithfully as the wife of an itinerant minister, enduring all the trials and changes, and sharing in the fruits of his labors. Her care of her aged companion in his last days was marked with affectionate fidelity. She leaves two daughters—Allie and Adah, who are sorely bereaved in the loss of both parents—and six step-children, who mourn her decease as a faithful wife to their father.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. M. Pusey, assisted by Revs. Pool, Hankins, and Clatworthy. Burial at Kossuth. The sympathy of the community goes out strongly to that sad home. "But she was faithful unto death, and has received her crown of life."

MRS. LEAMA M. TUTTLE.

MRS. LEAMA M. TUTTLE, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Isaac Carter, was born in Amherst, Cumberland County, Nova Scotia, April 17, 1856, and died September 23, 1899, in Mt. Pleasant, Henry County, Iowa. After completing her work in the public schools, she spent some time in the Mt. Allison Wesleyan University, located at Sackville, New Brunswick. She also spent one year in a ladies' seminary on Prince Edward Island.

Her parents were Episcopalians, under which influence she was raised in early life, although she never identified herself with the Church. Most of her school life had much to do in leading her to an appreciation of the faith of the gospel as taught and believed by the Methodist Church. Accordingly, while at the Mt. Allison University, she identified herself with the Church on probation, and subsequently was taken into full connection.

On November 19, 1874, she was united in marriage with Rev. G. M. Tuttle, then pastor at Newburg, Vt. They had born to them three children—Maud Blanche (Mrs. J. M. Worster), Marie Isabel, and Arthur Barns, who, with the husband and father, survive to mourn her departure.

Mrs. Tuttle has never enjoyed vigorous health, which fact has interfered to some extent with the more active duties of life, both socially and religiously. She was of a studious turn of mind, a constant reader of the current literature of the day, and a close thinker; a woman of commendable tastes, and having many friends.

She has been in failing health since the early spring, and the most of the time a great sufferer. Several weeks since, she became convinced that her illness would terminate in death. Accordingly, she carefully and prayerfully canvassed the whole ground of her religious experience, until her faith won the victory, from which time she prayed that God would graciously grant her release. She calmly and considerately made all the arrangements for her funeral and the disposition of her little effects among her loved ones.

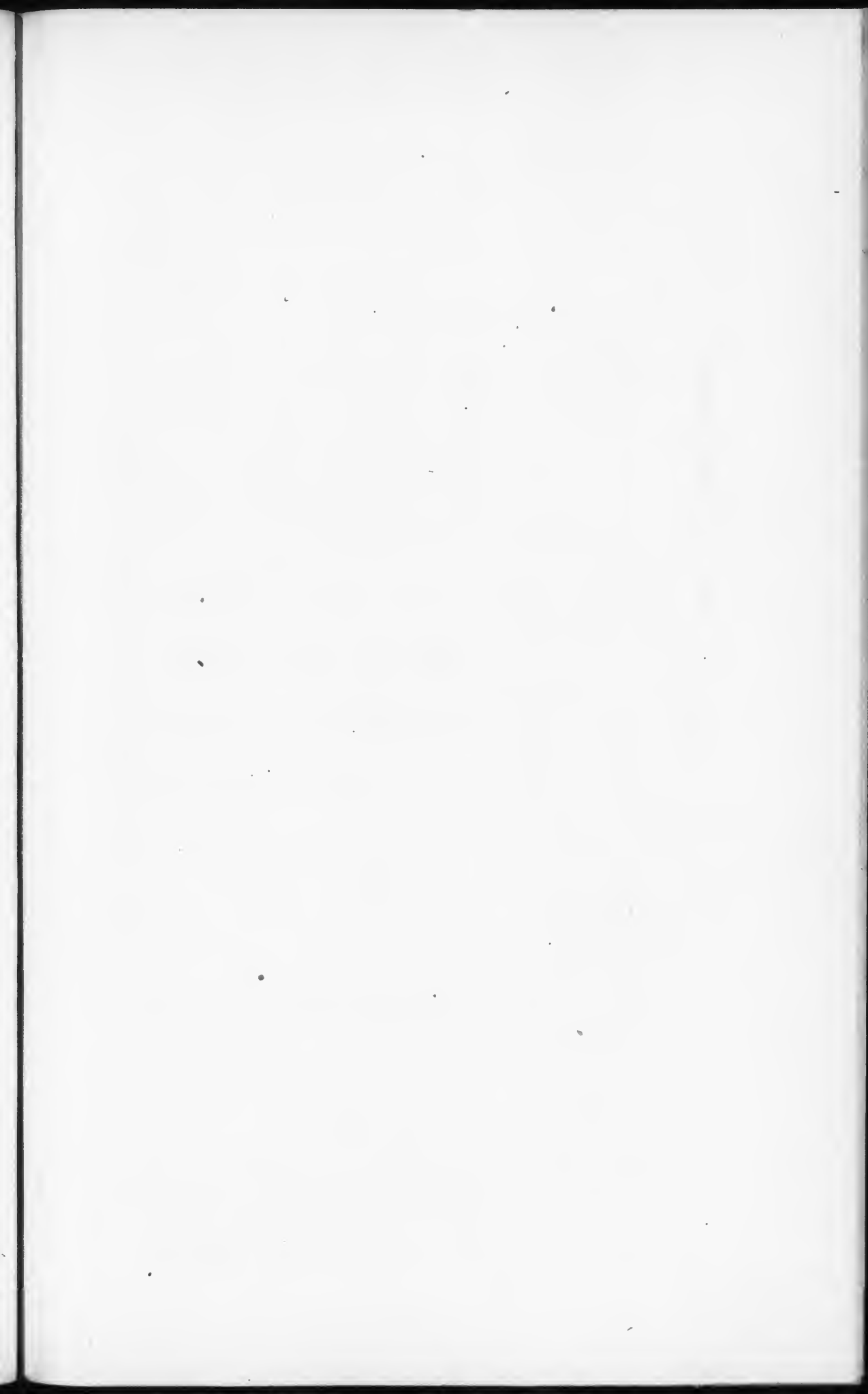
She took great delight in having repeated to her the promises of God, on whose Word she leaned for support.

The rest from pain and distress came on Saturday evening at 4.45, and without struggle she passed to the life above.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

COLLECTIONS.	CASH	VOUCHERS...	TOTAL	TO WHOM PAID.
Missions,	\$10,954	\$2,930	\$13,884	Homer Eaton.
Missionary Debt,	51	328	379	" "
Porto Rico Missions,	10	.....	10	" "
Special to Bishop Thoburn's work	10	.....	10	" "
Church Extension,	840	385	1,225	Curts & Jennings.
Sunday-school Union,	222	24	246	" "
Tract Society,	178	28	206	" "
Freedmen's Aid, etc.,	762	482	1,244	" "
Iowa Wesleyan University,	938	705	1,643	T. J. Myers, Treas.
Children's Fund,	203	441	644	Wm. F. McDowell.
American Bible Society,	170	40	210	A. Bible Society.
Woman's Foreign Miss'y Society,	57	4,026	4,083	Mrs. L. W. Byrkit.
Woman's Home Miss'y Society, .	34	1,785	1,819	Mrs. W. F. Cowles.
Wesley Hospital, Chicago,	5	.....	5	Wesley Hospital.
General Conference Expenses, .	672	24	696	Curts & Jennings.
Episcopal Fund,	1,225	73	1,298	" "
Conference Claimants,	2,775	.....	2,775	U. B. Smith.
Other Collections, . . . . .	.....	586	586	
	\$19,106	\$11,857	\$30,963	

T. S. POOL, Treasurer.



STATISTICS Nos. I AND IV.—BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

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																(a) Church ...	(b) Sunday-school	Total.....					(a) Public Ed'n Col	(b) Child'n's Fund										
1	Ainsworth.....	127	...	2	12	110	1	\$2000	1	\$850	\$200	70	\$55	\$15	\$70	\$55	\$15	\$70	\$1	\$5	\$1	\$5	\$1	\$5	\$1	\$5	\$1	\$5	\$1	\$5	\$1	\$5
2	Burlington: 1st Ch.....	654	...	2	10	11	44	256	1	60000	1	5000	...	300	\$6400	340	100	500	340	100	500	25	5	25	11	23
3	Grace.....	306	...	2	7	11	36	493	1	35000	1	1000	120	938	4187	130	...	130	
4	West Circuit.....	49	...	2	2	10	9	45	1	1800	1	800	20	40	180	5	...	5	
5	Columbus City.....	180	...	2	30	220	4	5100	1	1700	900	97	11	108	
6	Columbus Junction ..	125	...	2	4	3	32	115	4	3300	200	50	...	49	11	60	80	20	100	8	4	12	3	3	2	2	11	
7	Crawfordsville.....	154	...	1	30	175	2	6000	1	1200	80	20	100	
8	Danville.....	221	...	4	7	5	20	172	3	2800	66	8	74	
9	Ft. Madison: First.....	140	...	1	25	150	2	7000	1	1000	85	25	110	15	2	2	2	20	25	9	2	75	5		
10	Santa Fe Avenue	287	...	1	10	11	17	200	1	10000	1	1500	75	64	20	84	20	4	3	17	25	
11	Hillsboro.....	146	...	1	2	...	25	200	1	4000	40	175	600	4	16	20	
12	Kossuth.....	243	...	3	1	...	4	26	5	7500	101	...	400	34	8	42	
13	Mediapolis.....	105	...	3	2	4	22	160	3	3500	2	800	40	...	40	25	...	25	
14	Morning Sun.....	131	...	2	...	8	22	170	1	2500	1	1800	15	64	86	150	24	12	4	21	16	9	6	95	28		
15	Mt. Pleasant: 1st Ch..	287	...	1	9	6	2	30	2	10000	1	2500	15	658	1400	46	53	99	7	2	2	2	6	12	4	8	27	12	
16	Circuit.....	606	...	7	6	13	1	31	1	20000	1	3000	475	275	115	390	35	3	2	91	70	25	3	323	182	
17	West Circuit.....	257	...	1	1	15	4	235	4	5100	1	2000	14	28	...	100	10	110	3	2	2	6	20	6	2	
18	Mt. Union.....	124	...	2	2	...	3	25	3	3000	15	...	60	6	...	6	
19	New London.....	282	...	1	3	1	4	55	4	6200	1	800	35	140	...	160	6	166	10	3	2	18	15	18	2	
20	Salina.....	177	...	2	1	18	3	4500	1	1200	242	56	24	80	3	2	1	4	11	8	3	
21	Sperry.....	109	...	2	39	200	4	2500	1	800	225	10	...	14	11	25	1	1	1	1	8	
22	Wapello.....	239	...	1	5	3	4	36	4	3400	1	600	300	50	...	50	
23	Wayland.....	204	...	3	36	215	3	5000	1	1500	1700	53	9	62	2	2	2	2	18	
24	West Point.....	217	...	1	5	12	4	56	4	6200	1	1200	384	87	17	104	10	3	2	12	15	1	2	
25	Winfield.....	223	...	1	1	19	4	36	2	2200	1	800	100	87	8	95	4	1	1	3	10	9	2	
26	Winfield.....	283	...	3	3	32	1	16	1	4500	1	1500	540	79	21	100	250	1	10	10	2	25
Total		112	5976	19	63	80	176	63	769	5205	65	223100	22	27050	5256	2400	10917	2111	654	2765	455	55	37	310	386	153	51	1089	463	148	156	484	258	

STATISTICS No. III.—BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

Number.....	NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPP'T OF PRESIDI'G ELDERS.	SUPPORT OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.....	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSES.			
			CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.				Defencences.....	Amount Appor- tioned.....		Amount Paid.....	Rec'd fr'm		Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday-school: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....	
			Salary.....	House Rent....	Total.....	Salary.....	House Rent....	Total.....						Other Sources	Collections			
1	Alnsworth	Geo. Filmer.....	\$650	\$100	\$750	\$650	\$100	\$750	.....	\$58	\$58	\$7	\$7	\$815	\$10	\$10	\$75	\$32
2	Burlington: First Church	R. F. Hurlburt.....	2000	500	2500	2000	500	2500	.....	200	200	30	30	2730	90	90	1060	243
3	Grace Church	W. H. Mahaffie.....	1200	150	1350	1225	150	1375	.....	100	100	18	18	1493	.....	.....	734	180
4	West Church	H. F. Gilbert	350	.....	350	250	.....	250	\$100	16	11	4	2	263	.....	.....	26	12
5	Circuit	C. W. Powelson.....	750	100	850	750	100	850	.....	56	56	9	9	915	20	20	60	75
6	Columbus City	S. F. Bishop.....	500	60	560	500	60	560	.....	33	33	6	6	599	10	10	70	46
7	Columbus Junction.....	W. S. Kight.....	700	120	820	700	120	820	.....	58	58	10	10	888	14	14	125	86
8	Crawfordsville.....	W. L. Clapp.....	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	42	42	8	8	650	10	10	93	47
9	Danville	B. M. Boydston.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	63	63	10	10	873	25	25	100	40
10	Ft. Madison: First Ch...	J. C. Willits.....	900	150	1050	910	150	1060	.....	65	65	13	13	1138	30	30	175	79
11	Sante Fe Avenue	J. M. Coates.....	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	30	30	5	5	635	3	3	60	...
12	Hillsboro	Paul H. McBeth.....	560	.....	560	501	.....	501	59	40	40	7	6	547	14	14	90	...
13	Kossuth	J. W. Pool.....	460	50	510	423	50	473	37	38	36	7	6	515	5	5	65	25
14	Mediapolis.....	W. R. Rollingson ..	700	150	850	705	150	855	.....	69	69	11	11	935	30	30	120	110
15	Morning Sun.....	A. E. Buriff.....	937	125	1062	936	125	1061	1	70	70	11	9	1140	24	24	207	64
16	Mt. Pleasant: First Ch ..	W. P. Stoddard.....	1250	250	1500	1250	250	1500	.....	160	160	18	18	1678	55	55	.....	105
17	Circuit	J. W. Fraker.....	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	72	72	12	12	1034	20	20	183	71
18	West Circuit.....	E. J. Shook.....	365	.....	365	291	.....	291	73	16	11	4	3	305	2	2	45	26
19	Mt. Union.....	W. B. Ireland.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	60	60	10	10	870	28	28	146	69
20	New London.....	E. E. Doud.....	600	100	700	574	100	674	26	50	50	9	8	732	10	10	75	38
21	Salina	J. H. Taylor.....	440	60	500	397	60	457	43	50	43	7	6	506	5	5	50	30
22	Sperry	B. G. Hankins.....	500	50	550	483	50	533	17	40	40	7	7	580	12	12	40	55
23	Wapello.....	T. S. Pool.....	800	150	950	768	150	918	32	62	62	12	12	992	9	9	101	90
24	Wayland.....	G. F. Cannom.....	700	100	800	695	100	795	5	60	60	10	10	865	15	15	188	78
25	West Point.....	A. M. Mahaffie.....	600	75	675	600	75	675	.....	50	50	9	9	734	13	13	65	76
26	Winfield.....	John Hanks.....	850	150	1000	850	150	1000	.....	65	65	13	13	1078	15	15	160	50
Total.....			19212	2790	22002	18858	2790	21648	393	1023	1004	267	258	23510	469	469	4113	1721

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																		(a) Church ...	(b) Sunday-school	Total.....	Board of Church Extension	S. S. Union	Tract Society	Freed'n's Aid and South'n Ed. Soc.	EDU-CATION	(a) Public Ed'n Col	(b) Child'n's Fund	American Bible Society.....	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc...	Woman's Home Missionary Soc...	Total Other Be-nevolent Collec's	Gen'l Conf. Exps..	Conf. Claimants...	Episcopal Fund...		
1	Batavia	14	223	...	4	...	3	3	31	156	3	\$7000	1	\$800	\$3400	\$1637	\$189	\$16	\$205	\$8	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$10	\$1	...	\$1	...	...	...	...	\$2	\$10	\$8	
2	Bentonsport.....	7	288	...	2	...	...	4	36	240	4	6000	1	350	12	\$275	194	57	13	70	4	1	1	3	5	5	\$1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Birmingham	6	190	...	1	1	6	3	36	210	3	3000	1	500	...	105	...	80	25	105	5	1	1	5	5	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Bloomfield	9	487	4	9	6	1	17	200	1	1	3000	1	2500	125	...	...	165	53	218	15	4	3	15	40	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	Cantril	5	380	...	5	1	2	4	51	320	3	3500	1	600	50	...	40	64	10	74	5	2	1	4	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	Centerville	9	305	1	7	1	4	1	20	220	1	5000	1	4000	...	...	...	205	30	235	25	3	3	5	20	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	Cincinnati	6	380	...	2	3	7	4	49	263	4	5500	1	1000	122	...	25	77	23	100	10	1	1	11	20	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	Drakeville	4	205	...	2	2	7	3	20	200	4	4050	1	500	1000	...	...	17	3	20	1	...	...	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9	Eldon .....	...	243	1	4	...	...	2	43	220	2	2000	1	600	210	150	65	79	11	90	12	3	3	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	Exline	8	130	1	1	...	...	2	15	70	3	2000	...	...	75	...	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11	Fairfield	12	525	3	2	18	35	1	43	535	1	12000	1	1000	921	...	475	128	172	300	30	5	5	30	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12	Farmington	7	191	1	4	1	3	3	31	190	4	3500	1	1000	200	50	7	30	3	33	1	1	2	3
13	Keokuk: Chatham Sq	10	259	...	6	3	1	1	30	240	1	7000	1	5000	543	72	30	102	5	2	2	14	5	7
14	Keokuk: First Church	2	350	...	7	6	6	3	40	270	3	14500	1	2000	106	400	300	55	35	90	4	2	2	4	2	17	2	1	1	12	...	...	...	...	...
15	Keosauqua .....	...	210	...	3	...	...	1	17	150	1	7000	1	1600	2500	600	...	35	15	50	5	2	2	5	8	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	Keosauqua Circuit	25	312	1	4	...	5	5	53	243	4	3000	...	...	810	...	...	75	25	100	17	4	2	24	16	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	Libertyville	7	210	1	...	...	8	2	24	150	2	2100	1	800	11	...	...	162	2	164	11	4	2	11	11	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	Milton	9	463	3	6	5	18	2	35	225	2	9000	1	900	...	...	...	95	35	130	12	3	3	12	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	Montrose	4	124	1	2	...	...	4	46	260	3	4200	1	500	70	25	...	4	9	13	1	1	1	...	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	Moulton	9	188	...	2	1	10	1	12	90	1	1500	1	1200	...	...	...	17	36	53	4	2	1	10	15	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
21	Mount Zion .....	...	96	...	2	...	...	4	30	120	4	4500	1	400	70	100	...	36	5	41	3	1	1	4	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
22	Mystic	6	315	1	6	5	2	4	46	280	5	4300	1	600	45	6	17	58	14	72	6	1	1	6	10	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	Pulaski	1	215	...	3	...	3	3	30	180	3	3700	1	700	10	...	...	35	22	57	1	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24	Salem	4	195	2	...	...	9	4	40	225	4	3500	1	700	175	...	...	60	30	90	10	1	1	10	15	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	Selma	1	243	...	2	3	2	5	30	200	4	4000	1	600	...	25	55	100	50	150	14	4	4	8	10	22	4	69	25	...	...	...	...	...	...
26	Troy	4	209	...	4	...	2	4	42	194	4	2200	1	600	...	34	48	89	4	93	3	1	1	3	10	4	1	15	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
27	West Grove.....	3	200	...	1	...	8	3	30	150	4	3800	1	900	100	250	...	20	20	40	2	2	5	5
Total		165	7326	20	91	56	156	77	807	5891	78	132050	25	20350	10555	1420	3463	2008	601	2699	214	49	42	209	310	148	45	728	66	107	156	348	253			

STATISTICS No. III.—KEOKUK DISTRICT.

Number.....	NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPP'T OF PRESID'G ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.....	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSES			
			CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.....	Amount Appor- tioned.....	Amount Paid.....	Amount Appor- tioned.....		Amount Paid.....	Rec'd fr'm		Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday-school: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....	
			Salary	House Rent....	Total.....	Salary	House Rent....	Total.....							Collections	Other Sources			
1	Batavia.....	A. E. Thornley.....	\$590	\$75	\$665	\$605	\$75	\$680	.....	\$60	\$60	\$8	\$8	\$748	\$10	.....	\$10	\$85	\$70
2	Bentonsport	E. J. Smith.....	600	50	650	547	50	597	\$53	60	55	9	9	661	2	.....	2	220	65
3	Birmingham	J. E. Wilkins.....	650	60	710	650	60	710	.....	60	60	10	10	780	17	.....	17	160	80
4	Bloomfield.....	T. B. Hughes.....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	105	105	16	16	1321	30	.....	30	225	35
5	Cantril.....	L. Hughes.....	740	60	800	702	60	762	38	65	57	10	10	829	10	.....	10	100	80
6	Centerville	E. O. Brooks.....	1000	300	1300	1000	300	1300	.....	100	100	16	16	1416	40	.....	40	300	96
7	Cincinnati.....	J. A. Sinclair.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	65	65	11	11	876	10	.....	10	121	61
8	Drakeville.....	Renix Weese.....	550	50	600	512	50	562	38	60	50	10	4	616	4	.....	4	45	50
9	Eldon.....	T. F. Barker.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	50	50	9	9	850	15	.....	15	110	55
10	Exline.....	J. W. Holland.....	325	.....	325	274	.....	274	51	40	35	5	5	314	2	.....	2	40	23
11	Fairfield.....	I. O. Kemble.....	1125	.....	1125	1125	.....	1125	.....	100	100	16	16	1241	35	.....	35	350	128
12	Farmington.....	G. W. Barber.....	707	100	807	714	100	814	.....	60	60	8	8	882	5	.....	5	70	50
13	Keokuk; Chatham Sq're.	J. A. Boatman.....	1000	300	1300	1000	300	1300	.....	90	90	15	15	1405	15	.....	15	262	80
14	Keokuk; First Church..	W. S. Gardner.....	850	150	1000	689	150	839	161	65	55	12	10	904	10	.....	10	250	130
15	Keosauqua.....	R. L. Patterson.....	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	65	65	10	10	925	10	.....	10	100	65
16	Keosauqua Circuit.....	J. B. Eyestone.....	600	.....	600	589	.....	589	11	65	65	10	9	663	16	.....	16	72	85
17	Libertyville.....	J. W. Caldwell.....	500	100	600	435	100	535	65	50	50	6	6	591	12	.....	12	75	30
18	Milton.....	J. W. Potter.....	1000	100	1100	1000	100	1100	.....	68	68	12	12	1180	20	.....	20	200	60
19	Montrose.....	E. P. Mengher.....	372	60	432	354	60	414	18	40	38	6	5	457	5	.....	5	57	50
20	Moulton.....	W. R. Jeffrey, Jr.....	650	120	770	650	120	770	.....	65	65	9	9	844	14	.....	14	120	60
21	Mt. Zion.....	E. H. Daly.....	400	50	450	304	50	444	6	45	44	4	4	492	2	.....	2	48	30
22	Mystic.....	Richard Collier.....	750	80	830	705	80	785	45	65	63	12	10	858	11	.....	11	147	128
23	Palaski.....	H. C. Millice.....	600	60	660	487	60	547	113	65	47	10	8	602	9	.....	9	94	63
24	Salem.....	J. W. Carson.....	650	100	750	585	100	685	65	55	55	8	8	748	5	.....	5	100	85
25	Selma.....	B. F. Shane.....	650	50	700	568	50	618	82	65	65	10	10	693	17	.....	17	75	40
26	Troy.....	W. M. Erskine.....	500	60	560	413	60	473	87	60	51	10	8	532	6	.....	6	45	27
27	West Grove.....	G. W. Pool.....	650	100	750	525	100	625	125	60	44	9	7	676	12	.....	12	100	30
Total.....			18550	2575	21134	17623	2575	20198	968	1748	1662	271	253	22113	350	.....	350	3571	1771

STATISTICS Nos. I AND IV.—MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

Number	NAMES OF CHARGES.	CHURCH MEMB'RSHIP.		BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.						BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																		
		No. of Probation-ers.....	No. of Full Mem-bers.....	No. Local Pr'ach's.....	No. of Deaths.....	No. of Children Baptized.....	No. of Adults Baptized.....	No. of Teachers.....	No. of Scholars.....	No. of Churches.....	Probable Value.....	No. of Parsonages.....	Probable Value.....	P'd for Building & Improv'g Chur's & Parsonages.....	P'd on Old Indebt- edness Ch Prop.....	Prest Indeb'tness on Ch Property.....	MISSIONS.		Board of Church Extension.....	S. S. Union.....	Tract Society.....	Freed'n's Aid and South'n Ed. Soc.....	EDU- CATION	(a) Public Ed'n Col.....	(b) Child'n's Fund.....	American Bible Society.....	Woman's Home Missionary Soc.....	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc.....	Total Other Be- nevolent Collec's.....	Gen'l Conf. Exp's.....	Conf. Claimants.....	Episcopal Fund.....
1	Amish.....	12	152	1	5	2	6	4	240	4	\$1000	1	\$500				\$60	\$40	\$100	\$13	\$3	\$3	\$15	\$15	\$12	\$1	\$2	\$2	\$6	15	\$7	
2	Blue Grass.....	10	118	1	3	2	4	4	150	3	4500	1	900	\$300			35	5	40	2	2	2	13	8						14	6	
3	Kalona.....	5	204	1	3	3	18	4	160	4	3300	1	1000	45			63	32	95	2	2	2	10	4	1	1	1	3	13	9		
4	Keota.....	7	180	3	3	3	2	2	221	2	6700	1	1000	60	\$1800	\$1300	80	50	130	15	3	3	14	24	5	1	50	70	9	17	11	
5	Kosztz.....	4	132	2	2	3	12	3	150	3	2750	1	900				42		42	2	1	1	2	1	2				2	4	5	
6	Ladora.....		116	1	1	4		15	85	2	2800	1	800	65			93	10	112	14	5	5	18	12	5	6	22	15	9	35	10	
7	Letts.....	4	213	1	3		1	34	200	2	5500	1	1200	30			134	20	154	20	6	5	22	25	2	7	17	12	29	12		
8	Lexington.....	6	146			3	7	2	135	2	3000	1	1200	200		165	60	15	75	2	1	1	3	10		68			10	8		
9	Lone Tree.....		185		4			2	25	3	6000	1	1000	25			32	13	45	5	1	1	2		7				9	5	12	
10	Marengo.....	6	156	3	3	7	4	1	25	1	9000	1	1200				80	15	95	5	1	1	5	5	1	20	80			5	3	
11	Millersburg.....	3	116		2		1	2	125	2	2500	1	300	120			18	5	23	4	1	1	4	4		21	153			7	3	
12	Muscatine: 1st Ch.....	2	534	2	8	5	2	1	40	1	40000	1	5000	375			295	95	390	10	5	5	10	15	4	276	153		3	40	32	
13	Park Avenue	2	111	2	2	1	14	80	1	4	2500			6			15	15	15	5	1	1	5	5	1	1		2	7	3		
14	Circuit.....	3	275	1	2	5	5	45	425	4	11000	1	3000	150			45	25	70	2	1	2	20	3	1	47			15	12	5	
15	Nichols.....	7	167	4	1	3	32	208	3	3	3300			23	21		18	18	36	3	1	1	4	8	3			5	8	5		
16	North English.....	4	236	5	2	12	27	150	2	6	6100	1	1500	25	500	900	38	42	80	3	1	1	5	7	8	1	4	3	10	7	5	
17	Oxford.....	16	115		1	1	12	60	1	1	3500	1	1000	150			35		35	2	1	1	2	9	3			2	5	5		
18	Riverside.....		146	4	4	2	22	130	2	2	3000	1	1500				35	15	50	2	1	1	2						5	10	9	
19	Sweetland.....	11	168	1	3	2	3	40	200	4	5500	1	800	100			183	17	200	10	3	2	9	10	2	45	2		5	10	9	
20	Tiffin.....	13	154	1	1	3	20	125	3	3	4500	1	650				25	5	30	2	1	1	2	2		30			2	7		
21	Washington.....	13	710	16	4	17	1	41	340	1	20000	1	3000				255	110	365	46	10	10	91	50	18	10	196	279	64	24	50	
22	Webster.....	5	288	2	3	1	4	36	400	4	4000	1	1300	25			65	15	80	1			1	5	3	1				9	7	
23	West Chester.....		129	3	3	2		13	61	2	2000	1	800	134			30	10	40		1	1				27			4	3	5	
24	Wellman.....	28	335	2	3	24	32	340	2	2	5000	1	1000				118	22	140	6	1	1	6	16	7	72	3		4	17	12	
25	West Liberty.....	14	204	3	2	5	1	23	150	1	7000	1	1500	135	190		151	24	175	22	5	5	22	30	5	3	57	39	14	30	15	
26	Williamsburg.....	19	158	2	8	16	1	15	100	1	2500	1	1600	10	462	1225	29	24	53	2	1		2	2						5	10	
27	Wilton.....	5	180	2	2			32	315	1	7000	1	1500				219	131	350	26	6	6	31	27	6	32	128	127	5	11	42	13
	Total.....	190	5644	9	84	63	142	61	797	61	177550	25	34150	2373	2785	3801	2253	767	3020	233	63	61	294	321	103	70	1140	713	164	124	412	268

STATISTICS No. III.—MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

Number.....	NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPT OF PRESID'G ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.....	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSES.			
			CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.....	Amount Appor- tioned.....	Amount Paid.....	Amount Appor- tioned.....		Amount Paid.....	Total.....	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday-school: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....		
			Salary.....	House Rent....	Total.....	Salary.....	House Rent....	Total.....											
1	Amish.....	Richard Breeden..	\$650	\$50	\$700	\$650	\$50	\$700	.....	\$50	\$50	\$7	\$7	\$757	\$15	\$15	\$50	\$50
2	Blue Grass.....	Alex. Telfer.....	584	45	629	496	45	541	88	50	41	7	6	588	14	14	80	80	
3	Kalona.....	D. G. Abbott.....	610	90	700	610	90	700	.....	55	55	9	9	764	13	13	85	85
4	Keota.....	W. C. Chew.....	750	100	850	750	100	850	.....	55	55	11	11	916	17	17	243	243
5	Kosztz.....	Herbert Rutledge..	385	50	435	376	50	426	9	44	44	5	5	475	.....	.....	65	49
6	Ladora.....	F. W. Adams.....	700	100	800	697	100	797	3	50	50	10	10	857	5	30	105	30	
7	Letts.....	D. C. Bevan.....	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	70	70	12	12	1002	29	29	130	115
8	Lexington.....	A. M. Smith.....	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	55	55	8	8	813	10	10	90	14
9	Lone Tree.....	H. F. Pugh.....	700	100	800	594	100	694	106	55	53	9	8	755	5	5	100	.....
10	Marengo.....	W. R. Stryker.....	850	150	1000	850	150	1000	.....	70	70	12	12	1082	5	5	150	35
11	Millersburg.....	L. A. Crull.....	500	48	548	445	35	480	68	25	25	4	3	508	7	7	52	45	
12	Muscatine: First Church.	J. W. Hackley.....	1250	250	1500	1250	250	1500	.....	160	160	32	32	1692	40	40	811	151
13	Park Avenue.....	R. D. Pool.....	310	.....	310	281	.....	281	29	10	10	3	3	294	7	7	47	48
14	Circuit.....	C. H. Montgomery	725	200	925	725	200	925	.....	70	70	12	12	1007	15	15	250	235
15	Nichols.....	C. E. Fitzsimmons.	500	.....	500	423	.....	423	77	40	34	5	5	462	8	8	35	54
16	North English.....	J. R. Payne.....	725	100	825	602	100	702	123	44	36	10	7	745	10	10	100	50	
17	Oxford.....	C. C. Deniston.....	550	.....	550	550	.....	550	.....	40	40	7	5	595	5	5	125	25
18	Riverside.....	H. N. Smith.....	725	100	825	725	100	825	.....	50	50	10	10	885	5	5	85	48
19	Sweetland.....	H. R. Osborne.....	650	70	720	650	70	720	.....	60	60	9	9	780	10	10	75	90
20	Tiffin.....	W. N. Hall.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	44	7	7	.....	.....	.....	80	30
21	Washington.....	W. G. Thorn.....	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	.....	140	140	25	25	1505	50	50	500	216
22	Webster.....	W. H. Jones.....	650	75	725	614	75	689	39	65	61	8	7	757	9	9	150	160	
23	West Chester.....	G. W. Byrkit.....	500	60	560	400	60	460	100	35	35	5	5	500	3	3	40	22	
24	Wellman.....	J. E. Newsom.....	823	125	948	852	125	977	.....	70	70	12	12	1050	17	17	225	80
25	West Liberty.....	I. B. Schreckengast.	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	65	65	15	15	1280	30	30	150	50
26	Williamsburg.....	E. J. Pike.....	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	44	44	10	10	904	5	5	122	50
27	Wilton.....	J. F. Barnett.....	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	50	50	13	13	983	42	42	205	37
Total.....			18287	2603	20890	17690	2590	20280	639	1566	1537	277	268	22085	376	30	406	4150	1908

STATISTICS Nos. I AND IV.—OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

Number	NAMES OF CHARGES.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.		BAPTISMS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																		
		No. of Probation-ers	No. of Full Mem-bers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Pd for Building & Improv'g Church & Parsonages	Pd on Old Indeb't-ness Ch Prop.	Pres't Indeb'tness on Ch Property	MISSIONS.			S. S. Union	Board of Church Extension	Tract Society	Freed'n's Aid and South'n Ed. Soc.	EDU-CATION		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc	Woman's Home Missionary Soc	Total Other Be-nevolent Collec's	Gen'l Conf. Exp's.	Conf. Claimants	Episcopal Fund
																	(a) Church	(b) Sunday-school	Total					(a) Public Ed'l Col	(b) Child'n's Fund							
1	Barnes City	7	196	1	4	3	4	35	195	4	\$5000	1	\$800	\$30	\$150	\$650	\$90	\$10	\$100	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$5	\$2	\$1	\$7	\$1	6	8	7
2	Beacon	12	105	2	9	3	12	27	170	3	3200	1	1200	700	450	30	30	60	2	1	4	1	5	6	8	7
3	Brooklyn	18	362	1	5	3	1	21	265	1	10000	1	1500	511	140	.....	113	62	175	10	4	4	12	22	6	4	30	\$40	17	27	17
4	Deep River	9	206	1	6	5	2	14	115	2	3500	1	1200	47	.....	400	30	20	50	2	2	1	2	10	5	2	.....	.....	5	10	8
5	Delta	20	250	3	1	1	4	32	180	3	3100	1	800	520	.....	120	56	4	60	2	.....	.....	2	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Evans	1	47	1	2	.....	1	12	125	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	10	.....	10	2	1	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4	3
7	Ewart	3	133	1	12	1	2	21	120	3	32000	1	800	875	.....	.....	50	10	60	4	1	1	4	7	2	1	37	.....	3	7	6
8	Grinnell	5	300	1	4	4	1	32	306	1	27500	1	2500	3791	7000	195	80	275	32	5	5	74	40	9	10	127	86	40	19	35	18
9	Kellogg	2	87	1	2	7	3	30	120	4	4000	1	300	165	.....	.....	73	3	76	2	.....	.....	8	10	5	25	.....	.....	8	12	7
10	Lacey	1	139	1	4	7	2	23	135	4	3500	1	1000	45	90	600	39	6	45	7	.....	.....	10	15	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
11	Lynnville	45	188	1	2	1	4	38	220	4	4000	1	800	5	40	10	50	2	2	6	1	1	75	6	4
12	Malcom	4	156	.....	2	.....	2	20	150	2	3000	1	1500	10	35	70	32	18	50	3	.....	.....	3	35	.....	.....	12	.....	5	7	8
13	Montezuma	13	326	1	5	1	25	250	1	3000	1	3000	250	82	28	110	5	3	15	35	9	55	44	8	20	18
14	Newton	22	530	8	1	5	1	35	500	1	12000	1170	150	242	48	200	10	2	2	15	24	5	2	72	30	10	30	20
15	Newton Circuit	5	260	3	2	4	4	54	384	4	5000	200	160	32	192	10	3	3	10	35	25	4	25	12	25	12
16	New Sharon	1	225	3	5	4	1	17	135	1	3000	1	900	80	191	.....	105	9	114	5	1	.....	5	.....	5	.....	39	.....	.....	15	14
17	Oskaloosa: Central	2	754	6	11	13	1	38	411	1	40000	1	1500	.....	2500	10000	280	120	400	20	8	7	35	50	6	107	.....	29	.....	50	30
18	Pella	1	97	.....	.....	.....	1	24	100	1	1800	1	800	.....	.....	.....	52	13	65	2	.....	.....	4	8	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	6	7
19	Reasnor	4	224	3	6	7	3	35	224	4	4610	1	800	2360	.....	1000	70	10	80	1	.....	.....	2	1	6	1	.....	.....	5	3	7
20	Rose Hill	13	148	1	.....	1	2	20	105	3	2800	1	500	96	31	.....	32	10	42	2	.....	.....	2	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	5
21	Sonora	.....	230	.....	1	.....	3	35	210	3	6000	1	1500	100	.....	.....	55	60	115	12	2	2	21	17	20	1	6	11	.....	15	11
22	Taintor	2	100	.....	.....	.....	3	22	140	3	2400	1	400	165	10	.....	60	.....	60	2	1	1	2	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	4	5
23	Thornburg	.....	207	1	.....	.....	3	39	150	3	4900	1	1000	190	.....	.....	80	10	90	2	1	.....	2	5	.....	1	.....	.....	2	3	9
24	Victor	22	164	.....	5	11	2	24	180	2	4500	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	30	2	.....	.....	2	.....	2	16	.....	.....	.....	8	8
25	What Cheer	11	200	1	6	8	1	23	200	1	3000	1	1000	150	100	388	30	33	72	5	2	2	5	14	4	2	2	8	7	10	8
	Total	301	5724	13	54	102	64	696	5090	60	164040	22	21800	6490	8261	20828	2045	626	2671	148	38	32	242	337	118	29	630	173	232	113	337	253

STATISTICS No. III.—OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

Number.....	NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPT OF PRESIDI'G ELDER'S.	SUPPORT OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSES			
			CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.				Deficiencies	Amount Appor- tioned.....		Amount Paid.....	Amount Appor- tioned.....	Amount Paid.....	Rec'd fr'm		Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday-school: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....
			Salary	House Rent....	Total.....	Salary	House Rent....	Total.....	Collections			Other Sources				Total.....		
1	Barnes City.....	W. C. Van Schoelack	\$600	\$100	\$700	\$516	\$100	\$616	\$84	\$55	\$45	\$7	\$7	\$608	\$8	\$2	\$78	\$38
2	Bencon.....	George Schlenker..	625	75	700	575	75	650	50	50	42	7	7	699	8	2	70	54
3	Brooklyn.....	A. V. Kendrick.....	1050	150	1200	1050	150	1200	.....	95	95	17	17	1312	27	27	250	50
4	Deep River.....	David Phillips.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	50	50	8	8	858	10	10	80	30
5	Delta.....	G. H. Hanawalt.....	525	75	600	514	75	589	11	45	45	6	6	640	9	9	70	50
6	Evans.....	F. I. Poage.....	440	.....	440	384	.....	384	56	25	25	3	3	412	4	4	84	59
7	Ewart.....	D. F. Stiles.....	500	60	560	500	60	560	.....	50	50	6	6	616	7	7	75	35
8	Grinnell.....	J. C. Corley.....	1200	300	1500	1050	300	1350	150	105	90	20	18	1458	35	35	365	62
9	Kellogg.....	D. R. Martin.....	600	60	660	592	60	652	8	55	55	7	7	714	12	12	145	52
10	Lacey.....	W. A. Longnecker	600	100	700	519	100	619	81	55	48	9	8	675	8	8	50	29
11	Lynnville.....	A. C. Boyd.....	540	60	600	440	60	500	100	50	40	6	4	544	4	4	110	60
12	Malcom.....	A. W. Haines.....	700	150	850	625	150	775	75	60	56	9	8	839	7	7	125	50
13	Montezuma.....	P. J. Henness.....	1000	120	1120	1000	120	1120	.....	90	90	18	18	1228	20	20	125	108
14	Newton.....	C. V. Cowan.....	1000	120	1120	1000	120	1120	.....	95	95	20	20	1235	30	30	450	185
15	Newton Circuit.....	Ellas Handy.....	825	.....	825	828	.....	828	.....	70	70	12	12	910	25	25	200	100
16	New Sharon.....	L. P. Teter.....	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	75	75	14	14	1083	15	15	182	50
17	Oskaloosa: Central.....	Morris Bamford.....	1500	270	1770	1500	270	1770	.....	150	150	30	30	1950	50	50	887	158
18	Pella.....	J. C. Kendrick.....	550	100	650	550	100	650	.....	35	35	7	7	692	6	6	75	50
19	Reasnor.....	D. S. Dunlavy.....	550	100	650	517	100	617	33	50	47	7	7	671	3	3	100	.....
20	Rose Hill.....	A. W. McBlain.....	450	60	510	428	60	488	22	45	45	5	5	538	7	7	27	20
21	Sonora.....	A. S. Loveall.....	900	100	1000	800	100	900	100	80	71	13	11	982	15	15	150	50
22	Taintor.....	A. J. Good.....	270	36	306	300	36	336	.....	45	45	5	5	386	4	4	65	40
23	Thornburg.....	C. N. Pace.....	700	100	800	685	100	785	15	60	60	9	9	854	3	3	225	84
24	Victor.....	C. R. Zimmerman.....	900	100	1000	900	100	1000	.....	50	50	8	8	1058	8	8	150	100
25	What Cheer.....	W. N. Groome.....	700	120	820	700	120	820	.....	55	55	8	8	883	10	10	150	69
Total			18225	2006	20831	17473	2006	20079	785	1576	1529	261	253	21861	335	335	4288	1563

STATISTICS Nos. I AND IV.—OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

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STATISTIC No. III.—OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

Number	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPT OF PRESIDI'G ELDERS.	SUPPORT OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSES			
			CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.....	Amount Appor- tioned	Amount Paid.....		Amount Appor- tioned	Amount Paid.....	Rec'd fr'm		Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday-school: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....
			Salary	House Rent....	Total.....	Salary	House Rent....	Total.....							Collections.....	Other Sources.		
1	Agency.....	Thomas Osborn	\$720	\$150	\$870	\$720	\$150	\$870	.....	\$70	\$70	\$10	\$10	\$950	\$13	\$13	\$138	\$65
2	Albia	E. L. Schreiner	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	.....	115	115	18	18	1183	20	20	200	75
3	Attica	W. N. Potter.....	600	60	660	600	60	660	.....	60	60	10	10	730	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Blakesburg	J. Willard De Yoe..	300	72	372	302	72	374	.....	35	35	4	4	413	1	1	45	18
5	Brighton.....	W. B. Marsh.....	700	75	775	700	75	775	.....	48	48	8	8	831	10	10	196	52
6	Cedar.....	H. B. Scoles.....	650	50	700	650	50	700	.....	66	66	10	10	776	20	20	80	20
7	Chillicothe	J. M. Hooper.....	725	60	785	622	60	682	\$103	65	56	10	9	747	5	5	.....	.....
8	Durham.....	W. S. Shearer.....	400	50	450	403	50	453	.....	48	48	8	8	509	8	8	80	20
9	Eddyville.....	U. S. Smith.....	600	150	750	600	150	750	.....	48	48	7	7	805	5	5	100	60
10	Fremont.....	C. L. Tennant.....	750	100	850	675	100	775	75	52	46	8	7	828	10	10	140	67
11	Hedrick.....	Latham Ingham.....	700	100	800	638	100	738	62	51	45	10	8	791	13	13	125	55
12	Iconium and Melrose	E. L. Tennant.....	475	60	535	408	60	468	67	52	45	8	7	520	6	6	95	34
13	Kirkville.....	J. C. Caughlan.....	710	120	830	710	120	830	.....	80	80	12	12	922	20	20	140	92
14	Knoxville.....	J. W. Lambert.....	1100	200	1300	1100	200	1300	.....	120	120	20	20	1440	35	35	500	150
15	Lovilla.....	C. W. Wilson.....	600	60	660	600	60	660	.....	60	60	9	9	729	10	10	75	60
16	Martinsburg.....	W. H. Dillon.....	600	60	660	524	60	584	76	60	52	10	8	644	15	15	60	20
17	Marysville.....	J. S. Decker.....	450	30	480	315	30	345	135	52	37	9	6	388	3	3	.....	50
18	Moravia.....	C. R. Norton.....	700	120	820	700	120	820	.....	56	56	9	9	885	18	18	150	.....
19	Ottumwa: First Church.....	F. E. Brush.....	1800	400	2200	1800	400	2200	.....	152	152	26	26	2378	60	60	1315	135
20	Main Street.....	F. B. Tucker.....	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	43	43	7	7	650	12	12	146	30
21	Willard Street.....	W. H. Heppe.....	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	.....	50	50	10	10	1060	10	10	100	52
22	Packwood.....	C. E. Coggeshall.....	600	100	700	507	100	607	93	60	50	10	8	665	5	5	80	55
23	Pleasant Plain.....	W. L. Fry.....	600	.....	600	510	.....	510	90	48	40	8	7	557	10	10	73	50
24	Richland.....	W. S. Moore.....	600	100	700	585	100	685	15	70	70	10	10	765	5	5	100	58
25	Sigourney.....	A. B. Hightshoe.....	810	120	930	810	120	930	.....	60	60	10	10	1000	10	10	141	101
26	Tracy.....	H. A. Ingham.....	560	.....	560	560	.....	560	.....	48	48	8	8	616	5	5	104	55
27	Unionville.....	S. P. Souden.....	650	100	750	638	100	738	12	50	49	8	7	794	11	11	75	40
Total.....			18700	2687	21387	17977	2687	20664	728	1719	1649	277	263	22576	335	5 340	4258	1452

RECAPITULATION:—STATISTICS Nos. I AND IV.

Number.....	NAME OF DISTRICT.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.		BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																	
		No. of Probation- ers.....	No. of Full Mem- bers.....	No. of Deaths.....	No. of Children Baptized.....	No. of Adults Baptized.....	No. of Schools	No. of Teachers.....	No. of Scholars.....	No. of Churches..	Probable Value....	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value....	Pd on Old Indebt- edness Ch Prop.	Pd for Building & Improv'g Chur's & Parsonages.....	Prest Indebt'ness on Ch Property,	MISSIONARY.			Board of Church Extension.....	S. S. Union.....	Tract Society	Freed'n's Aid and South'n Ed. Soc.	American Bible Society.....	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc..	Woman's Home Missionary Soc..	Total Other Be- nevolent Collec's	Gen'l Conf. Exp's..	Conf. Claimants...	Episcopal Fund..			
																	Total.....	(b) Sunday- school.....	(a) Church ...														
																															EDU- CATION	(a) Public Ed'l Col.....	(b) Childr'n's Fund.....
1	Burlington.....	112	5976	19	63	80	176	63	769	5205	65	\$223100	22	\$27050	\$5256	\$2406	\$10917	\$2111	\$654	\$2765	\$455	\$5	\$37	\$310	\$386	\$153	\$51	\$1049	\$463	\$148	\$156	\$484	\$258
2	Keokuk.....	165	7326	20	91	56	156	77	807	5891	78	132050	25	29350	10555	1420	3463	2008	691	2699	214	49	42	209	321	148	45	728	66	167	156	348	253
3	Muscatine.....	199	5644	9	84	63	142	61	797	5900	61	177550	25	34150	2873	2785	3803	2253	767	3020	233	61	294	310	103	70	1140	713	164	124	412	268	
4	Oskaloosa.....	301	5724	13	54	79	102	64	696	5000	60	164040	22	24800	6499	8261	20828	2045	626	2671	148	38	32	242	337	118	29	630	173	232	113	337	253
5	Ottumwa.....	167	6288	11	75	35	132	66	836	4931	68	164700	23	28450	7679	1802	4133	2080	675	2705	172	39	35	108	269	113	18	668	402	285	145	353	263
	Total this year...	944	30658	72	367	313	708	331	3965	26417	332	861440	117	143800	32362	16677	43142	10447	3413	13860	1222	244	207	1163	1623	635	213	4215	1817	996	694	1984	1295
	Total last year...	1207	31677	75	336	315	1193	327	4011	27026	336	846850	115	143550	49244	12581	50455	9907	3450	13357	1049	235	245	1127	1588	553	246	3761	1876	1660	3	2009	1274
	Increase																																
	Decrease	263	719	3	...	2	485	4	...	16	609	14590	2	250	16882	4006	7313	540	...	503	173	9	...	30	35	82	...	454	50	664	...	75	21

RECAPITULATION.—STATISTICS No. III.

Number	NAME OF DISTRICT.	PRESIDING ELDER.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT OF PRESIDI'G ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.			CURRENT EXPENSES.	
			CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.....	Amount Ap- portioned.....	Amount Paid..	Amount Ap- portioned	Amount Paid..		Rec'd from		Total.....	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday-school: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....
			Salary	House Rent....	Total.....	Salary	House Rent....	Total.....							Collections.....	Other Sources..			
1	Burlington District.....	G. M. Tuttle, P. E.....	\$19212	\$2790	\$22002	\$18858	\$2790	\$21648	\$3063	\$1623	\$1604	\$267	\$258	\$23510	\$469	.....	\$469	\$4113	\$1721
2	Keokuk District.....	C. S. Cooper, P. E.....	18559	2575	21134	17023	2575	20198	908	1748	1662	271	253	22113	350	.....	350	3571	1771
3	Muscatine District.....	J. C. W. Cox, P. E.....	18287	2603	20890	17690	2590	20280	639	1566	1537	277	268	22085	376	\$30	406	4150	1908
4	Oskaloosa District.....	W. G. Wilson, P. E.....	18225	2606	20831	17473	2606	20079	785	1576	1529	261	253	21861	335	.....	335	4288	1563
5	Ottumwa District.....	D. C. Smith, P. E.....	18700	2687	21387	17977	2687	20664	728	1719	1649	277	263	22576	335	5	340	4258	1452
	Total, this year.....		92983	13261	106244	89621	13248	102869	3513	8232	7981	1353	1295	112145	1865	35	1900	20380	8415
	Total, last year.....		92353	12915	105268	89621	12903	102524	2867	8244	8010	1335	1278	111812	1987	48	1985	21454	8416
	Increase.....		630	346	976	.....	345	345	646	.....	.....	18	17	333	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Decrease.....									12	20	.....	.....	.....	72	13	85	1074	1

TREASURER'S REPORT.—BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

Number.....	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Missionary Society.		Church Extension.		Sunday School Union.		Tract Society.		Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.		Education.		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Missionary Debt.	Total Other Benevo- lent Col- lections.		General Conference Expenses.		Confer- ence Claimants.		Episcopal Fund.		RECAPITULATION.					
		Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	(a.) Public Educa- tional Collection.	(b.) Child- ren's Fund.	Cash	Voucher.					Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Total Cash	Total Vouchers	Total Cash and Vouchers	
1	Alinsworth.....	\$70		\$1						\$5		\$15		\$1		\$33				\$7		\$10		\$7							
2	Burlington: 1st C'h..	305	\$195	25		\$5		\$5		25		11		\$23		216		\$91		27		90		30							
3	Grace	130		5												59		62				10		18							
4	West	5				\$1		\$1		5		6																			
5	Circuit	119		5						15		28	4	\$2		\$2		\$3		2		25									
6	Columbus City	55	5	4		2		2		3		5	7	3						9		10		9							
7	Columbus Junction..	100		8		2		2			\$20	16		2		11				6		10		6							
8	Crawfordsville	74		6		2		1		8		12	2	3		20						14		10							
9	Danville	60	50	5	\$10	2		2		5	15	15	10	9					7		10		8								
10	Fort Mad'n: 1st C'h..	40	44		20	4		3			17	25		2		75	5		\$5		\$9	25	10	10							
11	Santa Fe Avenue...	4	16	1		1				1		3				11		2		5		30		\$13							
12	Hillsboro	42		7		1		1		7		9		1								3		5							
13	Kossuth	25		2						2		12								5		14		6							
14	Mediapolis	150		24		12		4		21		3	13	9		95						5		6							
15	Morning Sun	99		7		2		2		6		12	3	1		27	28			10		30		11							
16	Mt. Pleasant; 1st C'h	300		35		3		2			91	70		3	8	323	12					24		9							
17	Circuit	110		3		2		2		6		20	6	2		8	182			10		55		18							
18	West Circuit	6		1						1			2				8					20		12							
19	Mt. Union	106		8		3		2		10		10	15	2						2		2		3							
20	New London	66	14	3		2		1		4		11		3			5					28		10							
21	Salina	16	9	1		1				1		8		1						2		10		8							
22	Sperry	50		6		2		2		6		13		6								4		6							
23	Wapello	62								2		18										12		7							
24	Wayland	87	17	10		3		2		12		15		1						11		9		12							
25	West Point	95		4		1		1		3		10		9						5		15		10							
26	Winfield	94	6	250		1						5		2		6	4		55	4		13		9							
	Total	2420	356	173	280	50	5	32	5	148	144	170	193	28	125	34	15	4	1024	10	453	15	105	149	9	484	233	23			

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

1	Butavia	96	109	8	1	1	1	8	10			1						8	10	8								
2	Bentonsport	70		4	1	1	1	3	5	5	1	1			18				4	4	10							
3	Birmingham	105		5	1	1	1	5	5		5	1									17							
4	Bloomfield	218		20	4	3	3	15	15	25	18			140				6		30	16	10						
5	Cantril	64	10	5	2	1	1	4			3	2		5					4	8	10							
6	Centerville	235		25	3	3	3	5		20	14	2		2					15	40	16							
7	Cincinnati	100		10	1	1	1	\$11		20	10	1						10	5	10	11							
8	Drakeville	11	9	1	2			2	4				2						1	4	4							
9	Eldon	90		12	3	3		12	12			1			3		*10	19	7	15	9							
10	Exline	4	3																5	2	5							
11	Fairfield	35	265	10	20		5	5	10	20		50	10	10	85		3	39	15	35	16							
12	Farmington	33		1				1	2										3	5	8							
13	Keokuk: Chath. Sq.	102		5		2	2	14	5		7			102		21			5	15	15							
14	First Church	80	10	4		2	2	4		17	2	2	1		1				7	10	10							
15	Keosauqua	50		5		2		5		8	6	2		42					4	10	10							
16	Circuit	100		17	1	2	2		24	16	4	4					20		9	16	9							
17	Libertyville	34	130	11	4	2	2		11	11	2	4		128					6	12	6							
18	Milton	130		12	3	3			12	5	15	3		37	3	7			11	20	12							
19	Montrose	12	2	1	1	1	1			5	2			2					1	5	5							
20	Moulton	53		4	2	1	1	10	15	5	5	1			2	2			10	14	9							
21	Mount Zion	31	10		3	1	1	1	4	6				1	1					2	4							
22	Mystic	61	11	6	1	1	1	6		10	3	1							6	11	10							
23	Pulaski	38	19	1					2		2			2			3		7	9	3							
24	Salem		90	10	1	1		10	15		5	1		15					8	5	8							
25	Selma	20	121	14	4	4		8	10		22	4		60		25			10	17	10							
26	Troy	27	66	3	1	1		3	4	6		1		15	1		20		3	6	8							
27	West Grove	40		2				2		5	5								2	12	7							
	Total	1818	855	186	33	45	6	36	6	117	92	123	207	33	102	35	10	3	661	13	53		46	10	74	156	348	218

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

1	Amish	65	35	13	3	3		13		15		12	1		2		2			6		15		7							
2	Blue Grass	40		9	2	2		15		8			2		1		1				14		6								
3	Kalona	50	45	2	1		1	2		10		4	1				12			8	3	13		9							
4	Keota	130		15	1	2	3	14		24		5	1				50			20	9	17		11							
5	Koszt	37		2	1	1		2		1		2									2	4		5							
6	Ladora	102	10	14		5		5		18	12		5	6			22	4	11		9	35		10							
7	Letts	78	76	20		6		5		22	15	10		7			68				17	1	11	20	12						
8	Lexington	45	30	2		1	1	3														10		8							
9	Lone Tree	37	8	5		1	1	2		2			5	1			20				9	5	8								
10	Marengo	95		5		1	1	5		5					21			89					5	12							
11	Millersburg	23		4		1	1	4		4											3		7	3							
12	Muscatine: 1st O'h	300		10		5	5	10		15		4		1			276	153					40	32							
13	Park Avenue	30		5		1	1	5		5		1		1							2		7	3							
14	Circuit	70		2		1	1	2		20			1	1			47					15	12								

* Special.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.—Continued.

Number.....	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Missionary. Society.		Church Extension.		Sunday School Union.		Tract Society.		Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.		Education. (a.) Public Educa- tional Collection.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Missionary Debt.		Total Other Benevo- lent Col- lections.		General Conference Expenses.		Confer- ence Claimants.		Episcopal Fund.		RECAPITULATION.					
		Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.				Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Total Cash	Total Vouchers
15	Nichols	\$17	\$19	\$3		\$1		\$1		\$4		\$2		\$3						\$5		\$2		\$5								
16	North English	63	17	3		1		1			\$5																					
17	Oxford	21	14	2		1		1		2										2		10		5								
18	Riverside	50		2		1		1		2												5		10								
19	Sweetland	125	75	10		3		2		9		9		10	2				50	\$25	5		10		9							
20	Tiffin	30		2		1		1		2		2		30					18			2		7								
21	Washington	55	310	1	\$45	5	\$5	5	\$5	10	81	10	40	13		196		279	\$6	14	24	50		25								
22	Webster	64	16	1						1		5		3					40	\$10		9		7								
23	West Chester	10	30			1		1												\$4		3		5								
24	Wellman	140		6		1		1		6		16		7		27						17		12								
25	West Liberty	175		22		5		5		22		30		5		72	\$1	2				4		15								
26	Williamsburg	53		2		1				2		2		3		57		39				30		5								
27	Wilton	45	305	26		6		1	5	31		7	27	6	32				\$5			42		13								
	Total	2040	990	175	58	50	13	44	17	102	132	194	124	20	90	60	10	\$24	1086	8	705	36	149	15		100	15	412				

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

1	Barnes City.....	100	2	2	2	2	5	2	7	1	6	8	7
2	Beacon.....	60	.....	2	.....	1	.....	1	.....	2	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	8	.....	7	.....	.....
3	Brooklyn.....	116	58	10	4	4	12	5	17	6	4	71	30	30	10	17	27	17
4	Deep River.....	50	.....	2	.....	1	.....	1	.....	2	.....	10	.....	5	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	10	.....	8	.....	.....
5	Delta.....	60	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	6	.....	.....
6	Evans.....	10	.....	2	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	4	.....	3	.....
7	Ewart.....	60	.....	4	.....	1	.....	1	.....	4	.....	7	.....	2	.....	1	22	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	7	.....	6	.....
8	Grinnell.....	40	235	32	.....	5	.....	5	.....	32	\$41	40	.....	9	5	5	.....	.....	127	.....	80	.....	.....	.....	19	.....	35	.....	18	.....
9	Kellogg.....	76	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	10	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	12	.....	7	.....	.....
10	Lacey.....	35	10	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	15	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	8	.....
11	Lynnville.....	41	9	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	6	.....	4	.....	.....
12	Malcom.....	40	10	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	7	.....	8	.....	.....
13	Montezuma.....	110	.....	5	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	7	28	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	55	.....	44	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	20	.....	18	.....

* Special.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.—Continued.

14	Newton	260	30	10	2	2	15	14	5	2	72	15	15	10	20	20													
15	Newton Circuit	159	33	10	3	3	10	35	25	4	25			12	25	12													
16	New Sharon	114		5	1		5	6	5		39				15	14													
17	Oskaloosa: Cent. C'h	400		20	8	7	35	50	6		107		29		50	30													
18	Pella	52	13	2			4	8			28				6	7													
19	Reasnor	80		1			2	1	6	1				5	3	7													
20	Rose Hill	42		2			2	5							7	5													
21	Sonora	115		12	2	2	21	17	20	1	6	11			15	11													
22	Taintor	60		2	1	1	2	12						3	4	5													
23	Thornburg	90		2	1		2	5		1				2	3	9													
24	Victor	30		2			2		2						8	8													
25	What Cheer	44	28	5	2	2	5	14	4	2	2			7	10	8													
Total		2244	426	138	10	38	32	171	70	230	104	52	67	23	5	25	589	2	171	15	53	114	113	327	253				

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

1	Agency.....	41	59	8	1	1	10	10	6		62			9		13	4	6	\$97	\$142	\$239						
2	Albia.....	158		4	2	2	4	12			88	60		20	9	20	13	5	215	173	388						
3	Attica.....	95	17	4			10	5	15	1						12	10		137	32	169						
4	Blakesbury.....	45		1	1		1			1				1		1	4		55		55						
5	Brighton.....	55		5	1	1		9	17	2				18	4	10	8		103	27	130						
6	Cedar.....	100		3	1	1	3			9	40			8	4	20	10		143	57	200						
7	Chillicothe.....	56		1	1	1	1	5		2					2	5	9		83		83						
8	Durham.....	5	45	4	1	1	1	5	5	5	1				7	8	8		36	60	96						
9	Eddyville.....	70						2							7	5	7		91		91						
10	Fremont.....	80		8	2	2	10	4	6	10	15				8	10	7		133	31	164						
11	Hedrick.....	55		1	1		2	8			36	52			4	13	8		92	88	180						
12	Iconium & Melrose.....	40		2	1	1	2	2							7	6	8		68		68						
13	Kirkville.....	34	66	5	1	1	7		3	7	46				10	20	7		87	127	214						
14	Knoxville.....	250		15	5	5	12		35	6	57	22	45	7	17	35	20		370	166	536						
15	Lovilla.....	102	8	3	1	1	3	5		1					9	15	9		144	15	149						
16	Martinsburg.....	80		7	1	1	5	15	5		1				9	16	8		149		149						
17	Marysville.....	81		1	1	2	2		5	5	15				5	3	3		99	28	127						
18	Moravia.....	90		10	2	2	10	20		1	40				8	18	9		170	40	210						
19	Ottumwa: 1st C'n.....	520	30	50	5	5	50	57	17		73	260				60	26		790	363	1153						
20	Main Street.....	37	38	12	4	3	12	20	15	10	73			85	6	12	7		118	216	334						
21	Willard Street.....	60		2	1		2	10			5			12	4	10	10		102	17	119						
22	Packwood.....	2	40	3	1	1	3	4	1	1					6	5		8	26	48	74						
23	Pleasant Plain.....	60		8	2	2	7	7	8	1					3	10	3	4	111	4	115						
24	Richland.....	87		3	1		3	4	5	1	46		20		2	5	10		121	66	187						
25	Sigourney.....	85		8	2	2	10	13		2	50					10	10		132	60	192						
26	Tracy.....	50						6							8	5	3	5	72	5	77						
27	Unionville.....	64			4		4		8	6	20				5	11	7		91	38	129						
	Total.....	2102	303	168	4	39	34	164	44	221	77	61	48	18	1	666	1	408	65	159	145	358	228	28			

PASTORAL SUPPORT FROM CHURCHES ON CIRCUITS.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 5.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUIT AND PASTOR.	APPOINTMENTS.	APPOR- TIONED.	PAID.	DEFI- CIENCY.
Burlington, C. W. Powelson.	Asbury, Shiloh, Augusta, Spring Grove, Union,	\$230 00 130 00 120 00 160 00 110 00	\$230 00 130 00 120 00 160 00 110 00	.........................
Burlington, West, . . . H. Gilbert.	West Burlington, . . . Burks,	300 00 50 00	200 00 50 00	\$100 00
Columbus City, S. F. Bishop.	Columbus City, Cotter, Long Creek, Prairie Chapel,	175 00 95 00 110 00 165 00	175 00 95 00 110 00 165 00	....................
Columbus Junction, . . W. S. Kight.	Columbus Junction, . . Fredonia,	730 00 90 00	730 00 90 00	..........
Crawfordsville, W. L. Clapp.	Crawfordsville, Wyman,	400 00 200 00	400 00 200 00	..........
Danville, B. M. Boydston.	Danville, Long Creek,	473 00 400 00	473 00 400 00	..........
Hillsboro, P. H. McBeth.	Hillsboro, Cedar, Asbury, Glasgow, Epworth,	180 00 60 00 120 00 100 00 100 00	180 00 60 00 77 00 84 00 100 00	..... ..... 43 00 16 00
Kossuth, J. W. Pool.	Kossuth, Northfield, Huron,	150 00 200 00 110 00	145 00 166 00 112 00	5 00 34 00
Mediapolis, W. R. Rolingson, . .	No Report received. }	.....	.....	.....
Morning Sun, A. E. Buriff.	Morning Sun, Marsh,	750 00 188 00	759 00 177 00	..... 11 00
Mt. Pleasant, West, . . E. J. Shook.	Trenton, Highland, Rome, Germanville,	100 00 100 00 100 00 65 00	100 00 81 30 79 55 34 50	..... 18 70 24 45 30 50
Mt. Pleasant, J. W. Fraker.	Prairie Gem, Wesley Chapel, Pleasant Hill,	217 00 171 00 175 00	217 00 171 00 175 00	...............
Mt. Union, W. B. Ireland.	Beulah, Mt. Union, Trinity, Canaan, Yarmouth,	237 00 220 00 200 00 180 00 100 00	237 00 220 00 200 00 180 00 100 00	.........................
New London, E. E. Doud.	New London, Pleasant Grove, Asbury,	515 00 60 00 25 00	515 00 39 00 20 00	..... 21 00 5 00

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

CIRCUIT AND PASTOR.	APPOINTMENTS.	APPOR- TIONED.	PAID.	DEFI- CIENCY.
Salina,	Salina,	\$115 00	\$101 00	\$14 00
J. H. Taylor.	Richwoods,	105 00	90 00	15 00
	Parsonville,	115 00	115 00	.....
	Bethesda,	105 00	90 00	15 00
Sperry,	Sperry,	160 00	175 00	.....
B. G. Hankins.	Tamatown,	160 00	160 00	.....
	Franklin Mills,	90 00	90 00	.....
	Howe Chapel,	90 00	58 00	32 00
Wapello,	Wapello,	505 00	505 00	.....
T. S. Pool.	Toolesboro,	155 00	145 00	10 00
	Bethel,	140 00	118 00	22 00
Wayland,	Wayland,	300 00	300 00	.....
G. F. Cannom.	Finley,	165 00	165 00	.....
	Center,	120 00	120 00	.....
	Eureka,	115 00	110 00	5 00
West Point,	Clay Grove,	235 00	235 00	.....
A. M. Mahaffie.	Pitman Chapel,	195 00	195 00	.....
	West Point,	90 00	90 00	.....
	Pleasant Ridge,	80 00	80 00	.....

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

Batavia,	Batavia,	300 00	315 00	.....
A. E. Thornley.	. . . . .	175 00	175 00	.....
	. . . . .	115 00	115 00	.....
Bentonsport,	Bonaparte,	175 00	175 00	.....
E. J. Smith.	Utica,	210 00	210 00	.....
	Vernon,	85 00	66 00	19 00
	Bentonsport,	130 00	95 00	35 00
Birmingham,	Birmingham,	450 00	450 00	.....
J. E. Wilkins.	Union,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Bethel,	100 00	100 00	.....
Cantril,	Cantril,	370 00	370 00	.....
L. Hughes.	Lebanon,	200 00	185 77	14 23
	Home Prairie,	85 00	71 14	13 86
	Upton,	85 00	85 00	.....
Cincinnati,	Cincinnati,	215 00	215 00	.....
J. A. Sinclair.	Wesley Chapel,	235 00	235 00	.....
	Numa,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Simpson Chapel,	150 00	150 00	.....
Drakeville,	Drakeville,	210 00	210 00	.....
R. Weese.	Ash Grove,	110 00	110 00	.....
	Elm Grove,	50 00	17 00	32 97
	Belknap,	105 00	69 00	34 00
	Floris,	75 00	75 00	.....
Eldon,	Eldon,	450 00	450 00	.....
T. F. Barker.	Ashland,	250 00	250 00	.....
Farmington,	Farmington,	400 00	400 00	.....
G. W. Barber.	Prairie Chapel,	150 00	150 00	.....
	Croton,	50 00	50 00	.....
	Embury,	107 00	114 00	.....
Keosauqua,	Center Chapel,	200 00	200 00	.....
J. B. Eyestone.	Ward School-house,	90 00	87 00	3 00
	Mt. Sterling,	125 00	125 00	.....
	Pittsburg,	115 00	107 00	8 00
	Bethel,	70 00	70 00	.....

KEOKUK DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

CIRCUIT AND PASTOR.	APPOINTMENTS.	APPORTIONED.	PAID.	DEFICIENCY.
Keokuk—First Church.	First Church,	\$900 00	\$758 00	\$142 00
	Valley Church,	100 00	81 00	19 00
Libertyville,	Libertyville,	375 00	325 00	50 00
J. W. Caldwell.	Mt. Zion,	125 00	110 00	15 00
Milton,	Milton,	850 00	850 00	.....
J. W. Potter.	Mt. Zion,	150 00	150 00	.....
Montrose,	Montrose,	185 00	185 00	.....
E. P. Meagher.	New Boston,	59 00	59 00	.....
	Charleston,	69 00	51 00	18 00
	Galland,	59 00	59 00	.....
Mt. Zion,	Mt. Zion,	110 00	110 00	.....
E. S. Daly,	Kilbourne,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Winchester,	70 00	70 00	.....
	White Chapel,	70 00	64 00	6 00
	Miller Chapel,	50 00	50 00	.....
Mystic,	Mystic,	375 00	380 00	.....
R. Collier.	Brazil,	125 00	130 00	.....
	Plano,	125 00	105 00	20 00
	Jerome,	125 00	90 00	35 00
Pulaski,	Pulaski,	380 50	308 48	72 02
H. C. Millice.	Round Grove,	143 25	82 33	60 92
	Stiles,	154 25	154 25	.....
Salem,	Salem,	220 00	220 00	.....
J. W. Carson.	Cottonwood,	215 00	150 00	65 00
	Donaldson,	150 00	150 00	.....
	Wesley,	65 00	65 00	.....
Selma,	Selma,	150 00	69 00	81 00
B. F. Shane.	Mt. Moriah,	170 00	170 00	.....
	Douds,	115 00	115 00	.....
	Leando,	105 00	105 00	.....
	Zion,	110 00	110 00	.....
Troy,	Troy,	134 00	103 16	30 84
W. M. Erskine.	Bethel,	140 00	109 00	31 00
	Wesley,	88 00	88 05	.....
	Oak Hill,	80 00	54 94	25 06
	Star,	58 00	58 00	.....
West Grove,	Wesley,	230 00	180 00	50 00
G. W. Pool.	Bethel,	210 00	175 00	35 00
	Pella,	115 00	95 00	20 00
	Zion,	95 00	75 00	20 00

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

Amish,	Amish,	225 00	225 00	.....
R. Breeden,	Bethel,	110 00	110 00	.....
	Champion Hill,	190 00	190 00	.....
	Franklin,	125 00	125 00	.....
Blue Grass,	Blue Grass,	192 00	133 50	58 50
A. Telfer.	Buffalo,	192 00	162 50	29 50
	Montpelier,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Cross Roads,	100 00	100 00	.....
Kalona,	Kalona,	360 00	360 00	.....
D. G. Abbott.	Hummer,	110 00	110 00	.....
	Sharon,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Richmond,	40 00	40 00	.....

MUSCATINE DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

CIRCUIT AND PASTOR.	APPOINTMENTS.	APPORTIONED.	PAID.	DEFICIENCY.
Keota,	Keota,	\$700 00	\$700 00	.....
W. C. Chew.	Harper,	50 00	50 00	.....
Koszta,	Koszta,	150 00	161 00	.....
H. I. Rutledge.	Walnut,	135 00	115 20	\$19 80
	Summit,	100 00	100 00	.....
Ladora,	Ladora,	600 00	600 00	.....
F. W. Adams,	Zion,	100 00	97 00	3 00
Letts,	Letts,	650 00	650 00	.....
D. C. Bevan.	Grandview,	150 00	150 00	.....
Lexington,	Lexington,	500 00	500 00	.....
A. M. Smith.	Pilotsburg,	150 00	150 00	.....
Lone Tree,	Lone Tree,	525 00	488 00	37 00
H. F. Pugh,	River Junction,	125 00	85 50	39 50
	Pleasant Valley,	50 00	21 00	29 00
Millersburg,	Millersburg,	300 00	237 00	63 00
L. A. Crull.	Hope Chapel,	200 00	208 00	.....
Muscatine Circuit,	High Prairie,	260 40	260 40	.....
C. H. Montgomery.	Musserville,	260 40	260 40	.....
	Island,	202 58	202 58	.....
	Spangler,	115 76	115 76	.....
Nichols,	Nichols,	200 00	150 00	50 00
C. E. Fitzsimmons.	Cedar Valley,	120 00	93 00	27 00
	Conesville,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Oakland,	80 00	80 00	.....
Riverside,	Pleasant Plains,	350 00	350 00	.....
H. N. Smith.	Riverside,	375 00	375 00	.....
Sweetland,	Sweetland,	350 00	350 00	.....
H. R. Osborne.	Pleasant Prairie,	140 00	140 00	.....
	North Prairie,	90 00	90 00	.....
	Moscow,	140 00	140 00	.....
Webster,	Webster,	275 00	275 00	.....
W. H. Jones.	South English,	125 00	125 00	.....
	Kinross,	150 00	114 00	36 00
	Keswick,	100 00	100 00	.....
Wellman,	Wellman,	750 00	779 00	.....
J. E. Newsom.	Bunker Hill,	50 00	73 00	.....
West Chester,	West Chester,	300 00	300 00	.....
G. W. Byrkit.	Bethel,	200 00	100 00	100 00

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

Barnes City,	Barnes City,	200 00	200 00	.....
W. C. Van Schoiack.	Bethel,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Spring Valley,	150 00	81 00	69 00
	Beulah,	150 00	135 00	15 00
Beacon,	Beacon,	350 00	350 00	.....
Geo. Schlenker,	Riverside,	150 00	150 00	.....
	Given,	125 00	75 00	50 00
Deep River,	Deep River,	535 00	535 00	.....
D. Phillips.	Pleasant Ridge,	165 00	165 00	.....
Delta,	Delta,	275 00	258 65	16 35
G. H. Hanawalt.	Springfield,	100 00	103 43	.....
	Kendrick Chapel,	100 00	100 79	.....
	Newkirk,	50 00	51 75	.....

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

CIRCUIT AND PASTOR.	APPOINTMENTS.	APPORTIONED.	PAID.	DEFICIENCY.
Evans,	Evans,	\$250 00	\$250 00	.....
F. I. Poage.	Leighton,	100 00	79 00	\$21 00
	Baker,	50 00	32 00	18 00
	Olivet,	40 00	23 00	17 00
Ewart,	Ewart,	300 00	300 00	.....
D. F. Stiles.	Blue Point,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Forest Home,	100 00	80 00	20 00
Kellogg,	Kellogg,	220 00	220 00	.....
D. R. Martin.	Rushville,	200 00	200 00	.....
	Mt. Pleasant,	130 00	112 00	18 00
	Pleasant Chapel,	60 00	60 00	.....
Lacey,	Lacey,	230 00	211 00	19 00
W. A. Longnecker.	Madison,	125 00	125 00	.....
	Fairview,	125 00	122 00	3 00
	Centenary,	100 00	46 00	54 00
	Greenwood,	20 00	15 00	5 00
Lynnville,	Lynnville,	130 00	95 00	35 00
A. C. Boyd.	Bethel,	225 00	185 00	40 00
	Searsboro,	110 00	100 00	10 00
	New Salem,	75 00	60 00	15 00
Malcom,	Malcom,	500 00	425 00	75 00
A. W. Haines.	Fairmount,	200 00	200 00	.....
Newton Circuit,	Pleasant View,	247 00	252 00	.....
Elias Handy.	Mt. Zion,	247 00	247 00	.....
	Grace Chapel,	165 00	166 00	.....
	Killduff,	165 00	165 00	.....
Reasnor,	Otley,	50 00	17 00	33 00
D. S. Dunlavy.	Galesburg,	60 00	60 00	.....
	Reasnor,	240 00	240 00	.....
	Tools Chapel,	200 00	200 00	.....
Rose Hill,	Rose Hill,	240 00	230 00	10 00
A. W. McBlain.	Indianapolis,	150 00	138 00	12 00
	Wymore,	60 00	60 00	.....
Sonora,	Sonora,	300 00	287 00	13 00
A. S. Loveall.	Sheridan,	300 00	255 00	45 00
	Madison,	300 00	268 00	42 00
Taintor,	Taintor,	60 00	65 00	.....
A. J. Good.	Granville,	80 00	80 00	.....
	Peoria,	70 00	98 00	.....
	Garden Hall,	60 00	44 00	16 00
Thornburg,	Thornburg,	400 00	400 00	.....
Chas. N. Pace.	Tilton,	155 00	155 00	.....
	Coal Creek,	145 00	130 00	15 00
Victor,	Victor,	575 00	575 00
C. R. Zimmerman.	Guernsey,	300 00	300 00
	Carnforth,	25 00	25 00

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Attica,	Attica,	188 00	188 00
W. N. Potter.	Wesley,	188 00	188 00
	Zion,	188 00	188 00
	Beulah,	108 00	108 00
Blakesburg,	Blakesburg,	100 00	102 00	.....
J. W. De Yoe.	Prairie Chapel,	137 00	137 00	.....
	Miller Ridge,	134 00	134 00	.....

OTTUMWA DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

CIRCUIT AND PASTOR.	APPOINTMENTS.	APPORTIONED.	PAID.	DEFICIENCY.
Cedar,	Cedar,	\$475 00	\$475 00	.....
H. B. Scoles.	Fairview,	126 00	126 00	.....
	White Oak,	126 00	126 00	.....
Chillicothe,	Chillicothe,	200 00	178 00	\$22 00
J. M. Hooper.	Columbia,	200 00	190 00	10 00
	Christiansburg,	200 00	153 00	47 00
	Avery,	125 00	91 00	34 00
Durham,	Durham,	85 00	85 00	.....
W. S. Shearer.	Asbury,	163 00	168 00	.....
	Washington,	125 00	121 00	4 00
	Flagler,	85 00	85 00	.....
Eddyville,	Eddyville,	400 00	400 00	.....
M. S. Smith.	Hayden,	120 00	120 00	.....
	Gray's Creek,	80 00	80 00	.....
Fremont,	Fremont,	600 00	525 00	75 00
C. L. Tennant.	Russell Chapel,	210 00	210 00	.....
Iconium and Melrose, .	Melrose,	199 00	199 00	.....
E. L. Tennant.	Iconium,	224 00	117 00	7 00
	Fairview,	112 00	53 00	59 00
Kirkville,	Kirkville,	622 00	622 00	.....
J. C. Caughlan.	Salem,	180 00	180 00	.....
Lovilia,	Lovilia,	186 00	186 00	.....
Chas. W. Wilson.	Hamilton,	187 00	187 00	.....
	Bussey,	119 00	119 00	.....
	Salem,	147 00	147 00	.....
	Union,	133 00	133 00	.....
Martinsburg,	Martinsburg,	250 00	223 00	27 00
W. H. Dillon.	Pekin,	250 00	190 00	60 00
	Mt. Zion,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Hayesville,	70 00	70 00	.....
Marysville,	Marysville,	200 00	144 00	56 00
J. S. Decker.	Eldorado,	140 00	84 00	56 00
	Eden,	70 00	70 00	.....
	Oakdale,	101 00	60 00	41 00
Moravia,	Moravia,	514 00	514 00	.....
C. R. Norton.	Wesley,	154 00	154 00	.....
	Hilton,	99 00	99 00	.....
Packwood,	Packwood,	302 00	302 00	.....
C. E. Coggeshall.	Brookville,	140 00	110 00	30 00
	Center,	140 00	110 00	30 00
	Abingdon,	85 00	43 00	42 00
Pleasant Plain,	Pleasant Plain,	268 00	195 00	73 00
W. L. Fry.	Pleasant Grove,	188 00	173 00	15 00
	Prairie Chapel,	120 00	109 00	11 00
	Black Hawk,	80 00	80 00	.....
Richland,	Richland,	275 00	275 00	.....
W. S. Moore.	Kingsley,	150 00	150 00	.....
	McDowell,	255 00	240 00	15 00
Sigourney,	Sigourney,	750 00	750 00	.....
A. B. Hightshoe.	Lancaster,	60 00	60 00	.....
Tracy,	Tracy,	204 00	204 00	.....
H. A. Ingham.	Bethel,	157 00	157 00	.....
	Salem,	151 00	151 00	.....
	McClintock,	102 00	102 00	.....
Unionville,	Unionville,	368 00	368 00	.....
S. P. Souden.	Beulah,	194 00	194 00	.....
	Udell,	73 00	61 00	12 00
	Salem,	72 00	72 00	.....

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

CIRCUIT AND PASTOR.	APPOINTMENTS.	APPORTIONED.	PAID.	DEFICIENCY.
Evans,	Evans,	\$250 00	\$250 00	.....
F. I. Poage.	Leighton,	100 00	79 00	\$21 00
	Baker,	50 00	32 00	18 00
	Olivet,	40 00	23 00	17 00
Ewart,	Ewart,	300 00	300 00	.....
D. F. Stiles.	Blue Point,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Forest Home,	100 00	80 00	20 00
Kellogg,	Kellogg,	220 00	220 00	.....
D. R. Martin.	Rushville,	200 00	200 00	.....
	Mt. Pleasant,	130 00	112 00	18 00
	Pleasant Chapel,	60 00	60 00	.....
Lacey,	Lacey,	230 00	211 00	19 00
W. A. Longnecker.	Madison,	125 00	125 00	.....
	Fairview,	125 00	122 00	3 00
	Centenary,	100 00	46 00	54 00
	Greenwood,	20 00	15 00	5 00
Lynnville,	Lynnville,	130 00	95 00	35 00
A. C. Boyd.	Bethel,	225 00	185 00	40 00
	Searsboro,	110 00	100 00	10 00
	New Salem,	75 00	60 00	15 00
Malcom,	Malcom,	500 00	425 00	75 00
A. W. Haines.	Fairmount,	200 00	200 00	.....
Newton Circuit,	Pleasant View,	247 00	252 00	.....
Elias Handy.	Mt. Zion,	247 00	247 00	.....
	Grace Chapel,	165 00	166 00	.....
	Killduff,	165 00	165 00	.....
Reasnor,	Otley,	50 00	17 00	33 00
D. S. Dunlavy.	Galesburg,	60 00	60 00	.....
	Reasnor,	240 00	240 00	.....
	Tools Chapel,	200 00	200 00	.....
Rose Hill,	Rose Hill,	240 00	230 00	10 00
A. W. McBlain.	Indianapolis,	150 00	138 00	12 00
	Wymore,	60 00	60 00	.....
Sonora,	Sonora,	300 00	287 00	13 00
A. S. Loveall.	Sheridan,	300 00	255 00	45 00
	Madison,	300 00	268 00	42 00
Taintor,	Taintor,	60 00	65 00	.....
A. J. Good.	Granville,	80 00	80 00	.....
	Peoria,	70 00	98 00	.....
	Garden Hall,	60 00	44 00	16 00
Thornburg,	Thornburg,	400 00	400 00	.....
Chas. N. Pace.	Tilton,	155 00	155 00	.....
	Coal Creek,	145 00	130 00	15 00
Victor,	Victor,	575 00	575 00	.....
C. R. Zimmerman.	Guernsey,	300 00	300 00	.....
	Carnforth,	25 00	25 00	.....

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

Attica,	Attica,	188 00	188 00	.....
W. N. Potter.	Wesley,	188 00	188 00	.....
	Zion,	188 00	188 00	.....
	Beulah,	108 00	108 00	.....
Blakesburg,	Blakesburg,	100 00	102 00	.....
J. W. De Yoe.	Prairie Chapel,	137 00	137 00	.....
	Miller Ridge,	134 00	134 00	.....

OTTUMWA DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

CIRCUIT AND PASTOR.	APPOINTMENTS.	APPORTIONED.	PAID.	DEFICIENCY.
Cedar,	Cedar,	\$475 00	\$475 00	.....
H. B. Scoles.	Fairview,	126 00	126 00	.....
	White Oak,	126 00	126 00	.....
Chillicothe,	Chillicothe,	200 00	178 00	\$22 00
J. M. Hooper.	Columbia,	200 00	190 00	10 00
	Christiansburg,	200 00	153 00	47 00
	Avery,	125 00	91 00	34 00
Durham,	Durham,	85 00	85 00	.....
W. S. Shearer.	Asbury,	163 00	168 00	.....
	Washington,	125 00	121 00	4 00
	Flagler,	85 00	85 00	.....
Eddyville,	Eddyville,	400 00	400 00	.....
M. S. Smith.	Hayden,	120 00	120 00	.....
	Gray's Creek,	80 00	80 00	.....
Fremont,	Fremont,	600 00	525 00	75 00
C. L. Tennant.	Russell Chapel,	210 00	210 00	.....
Iconium and Melrose,	Melrose,	199 00	199 00	.....
E. L. Tennant.	Iconium,	224 00	117 00	7 00
	Fairview,	112 00	53 00	59 00
Kirkville,	Kirkville,	622 00	622 00	.....
J. C. Caughlan.	Salem,	180 00	180 00	.....
Lovilia,	Lovilia,	186 00	186 00	.....
Chas. W. Wilson.	Hamilton,	187 00	187 00	.....
	Bussey,	119 00	119 00	.....
	Salem,	147 00	147 00	.....
	Union,	133 00	133 00	.....
Martinsburg,	Martinsburg,	250 00	223 00	27 00
W. H. Dillon.	Pekin,	250 00	190 00	60 00
	Mt. Zion,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Hayesville,	70 00	70 00	.....
Marysville,	Marysville,	200 00	144 00	56 00
J. S. Decker.	Eldorado,	140 00	84 00	56 00
	Eden,	70 00	70 00	.....
	Oakdale,	101 00	60 00	41 00
Moravia,	Moravia,	514 00	514 00	.....
C. R. Norton.	Wesley,	154 00	154 00	.....
	Hilton,	99 00	99 00	.....
Packwood,	Packwood,	302 00	302 00	.....
C. E. Coggeshall.	Brookville,	140 00	110 00	30 00
	Center,	140 00	110 00	30 00
	Abingdon,	85 00	43 00	42 00
Pleasant Plain,	Pleasant Plain,	268 00	195 00	73 00
W. L. Fry.	Pleasant Grove,	188 00	173 00	15 00
	Prairie Chapel,	120 00	109 00	11 00
	Black Hawk,	80 00	80 00	.....
Richland,	Richland,	275 00	275 00	.....
W. S. Moore.	Kingsley,	150 00	150 00	.....
	McDowell,	255 00	240 00	15 00
Sigourney,	Sigourney,	750 00	750 00	.....
A. B. Hightshoe.	Lancaster,	60 00	60 00	.....
Tracy,	Tracy,	204 00	204 00	.....
H. A. Ingham.	Bethel,	157 00	157 00	.....
	Salem,	151 00	151 00	.....
	McClintock,	102 00	102 00	.....
Unionville,	Unionville,	368 00	368 00	.....
S. P. Souden.	Beulah,	194 00	194 00	.....
	Udell,	73 00	61 00	12 00
	Salem,	72 00	72 00	.....

VII.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?* L. A. Crull, Oklahoma Conference; Francis D. Blakeslee, D. D., New England Southern Conference; J. W. Sommerville, Kansas Conference; W. R. Rolingson, Southwest Kansas.
2. *Who have been Readmitted?* None.
3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?* None.
4. *Who have been Received on Trial?* (a) In studies of first year: Herbert J. Rutledge, Charles E. Fitzsimmons, Charles N. Pace, J. Willard De Yoe, John S. Decker. (b) In studies of third year: None.
5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?* (a) In studies of first year: Wilfred C. Keeler, Andrew J. Good. (b) In studies of second year: Frank I. Poage, James B. Eyestone, James W. Caldwell. (c) In studies of third year: Marion L. Sanders. (d) In studies of fourth year: None.
6. *Who have been Discontinued?* Paul H. McBeth.
7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?* (a) Elected and ordained deacons this year: Robert D. Pool, Benjamin G. Hankins, Walter W. Williams, Edgar L. Tennant. (b) Elected and ordained deacons previously: None.
8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?* (a) Admitted into full membership this year: Robert D. Pool, Benjamin J. Hankins, Edgar L. Tennant. (b) Admitted into full membership previously: George Schlenker, J. M. Hooper, L. A. Crull.
9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?* Wade C. Barclay, George H. Hanawalt, Alexander W. McBlain, John H. Taylor, Fred B. Tucker, Daniel R. Martin, Walter W. Williams.
10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?* (a) Elected and ordained elders this year: Albert M. Mahaffie, William S. Shearer, William L. Fry, George L. Minear, Edward J. Smith, William F. Gilmore, William H. Perdew, Hiram T. Robinson. (b) Elected and ordained elders previously: None.
11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?* (a) As local preachers: Marion L. Sanders. (b) Under missionary rule: None.
12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?* (a) As local deacons: None. (b) Under missionary rule: None.
13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?* Yes. This was strictly done. (1) Charles E. Corkhill and John Bridges were referred to the Presiding Elders for investigation.

• 14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?* Morris Bamford, to Kansas Conference; S. W. Siberts, to South American Conference; A. E. Buriff, to Arkansas Conference; C. H. Westfall, to Arkansas Conference.

15. *Who have died?* Michael See, S. H. Thomas, William F. Cowles.

16. *Who have been Located at their own Request?* None.

17. *Who have been Located?* None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?* None.

19. *Who have been Permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?* None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?* None.

21. *What other Personal Notation should be Made?* None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?* Banner Mark, F. W. Evans, W. J. Spaulding, J. T. Simmons, John Potter, A. Latimer, J. H. Arinacost, H. C. Ethell, J. G. Barton, John Davis, J. J. Beckham, J. S. Ferguson, Charles E. Corkhill, John Bridges, W. C. Shippen.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?* J. B. Hardy, Anthony Robinson, E. H. Waring, Harrison Runyan, O. P. Light, J. B. Hill, A. W. Stryker, J. G. Thompson, Jesse Craig, Nelson Wells, James Haynes, Warren A. Phelps, I. N. Busby.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?* J. W. Hackley, H. B. Scoles, A. S. Loveall, W. R. Stryker, E. C. Brooks, T. S. Pool, F. E. Brush.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?* See statistical tables.

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference as Reported by the Conference Treasurer?* \$30,201.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?* \$7,000.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?* \$2,932. Applied by order of the Conference.

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?* See Appointments.

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be Held?* Bloomfield, Iowa.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS

NOTE.—The figures denote the number of years in present appointment

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

	Years.
G. M. TUTTLE, <i>Presiding Elder</i> .—Mt. Pleasant,	4
Ainsworth—George Filmer,	3
Burlington, First Church—R. F. Hurlburt,	4
“ Grace Church—E. L. Schreiner,	1
“ West Church—H. F. Gilbert,	2
“ Circuit—C. W. Powelson,	3
Columbus City—S. F. Bishop,	3
Columbus Junction—W. S. Kight,	3
Crawfordsville—W. L. Clapp,	4
Danville—B. M. Boydston,	3
Fort Madison, First Church—J. F. Barnett,	1
“ “ Sante Fe Avenue—J. W. Pool,	1
Hillsboro—W. B. Marsh,	1
Kossuth--To be supplied by P. H. McBeth,	1
Mediapolis—H. N. Smith,	1
Morning Sun—C. D. Bevan,	1
Mt. Pleasant, First Church—W. H. Heppe,	1
“ West—E. J. Shook,	2
“ Circuit—J. W. Fraker,	3
Mt. Union—W. B. Ireland,	2
New London—E. E. Doud,	3
Salina—J. H. Taylor,	3
Sperry—B. G. Hankins,	3
Wapello—T. S. Pool,	5
Wayland—G. F. Cannom,	2
West Point—A. M. Mahaffie,	5
Winfield—Thomas Osborn,	1

Francis D. Blakeslee, President of Iowa Wesleyan University, and T. J. Myers, Treasurer of Iowa Wesleyan University, members of First Church, Mt. Pleasant Quarterly Conference.

M. J. Pusey, missionary to South America.

Hiram T. Robinson and H. F. Gilbert, left without appointment to attend some of our schools, members of Mt. Pleasant First Church, Quarterly Conference.

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

	Years.
C. S. COOPER <i>Presiding Elder</i> .—Keosauqua, Iowa,	3
Batavia—A. E. Thornley,	2
Bentonsport—E. J. Smith,	2
Birmingham—J. E. Wilkins,	3
Bloomfield—T. B. Hughes,	4
Cantril—W. R. Rolingson,	1
Centerville—E. C. Brooks,	2
Cincinnati—J. A. Sinclair,	2
Drakeville—H. C. Millice,	1
Eldon—T. F. Barker,	4
Fairfield—I. O. Kemble,	2
Farmington—G. W. Barber,	3
Keokuk, Chatham Square—J. A. Boatman,	2
" First Church—W. S. Gardner,	2
Keosauqua—R. L. Patterson,	2
Keosauqua Circuit— <i>J. B. Eyestone</i> ,	3
Libertyville—W. M. Erskine,	1
Milton—J. W. Potter,	4
Montrose—R. Weese,	1
Moulton—W. R. Jeffrey, Jr.,	5
Mt. Zion—To be supplied by L. Hughes,	1
Mystic—R. Collier,	2
Pulaski— <i>Jacob M. Hooper</i> ,	1
Salem—J. W. Carson,	3
Selma—B. F. Shane,	5
Troy— <i>J. W. Caldwell</i> ,	1
West Grove—E. S. Daly,	1

W. H. Perdew and *George L. Minear*, left without appointment to attend some of our schools, members of Chatham Square, Keokuk Quarterly Conference.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

J. C. W. COXE, <i>Presiding Elder</i> .—Washington, Iowa,	6
Amish—Richard Breeden,	2
Blue Grass— <i>Robert D. Pool</i> ,	1
Kalona—D. G. Abbott,	3
Keota—J. R. Payne,	1
Koszta— <i>H. I. Rutledge</i> ,	1
Ladora—F. W. Adams,	2
Letts—W. H. Mahaffie,	1
Lexington—W. N. Potter,	1
Lone Tree—H. F. Pugh,	2
Marengo—W. R. Stryker,	5
Millersburg—J. M. Coates,	1

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.—CONTINUED.

	Years.
Muscatine, First Church—C. L. Stafford,	1
“ Park Avenue—To be supplied, . . . . .	...
“ Circuit—C. H. Montgomery,	2
Nichols— <i>C. E. Fitzsimmons</i> ,	2
North English—W. C. Chew,	1
Oxford—A. W. Haines,	1
Riverside—W. H. Jones,	1
Sweetland— <i>L. A. Crull</i> ,	1
Tiffin—W. N. Hall,	1
Washington—I. B. Schreckengast,	1
Webster—A. M. Smith,	1
Wellman—J. E. Newsom,	4
West Chester—G. W. Byrkit,	2
West Liberty—Joseph E. Corley,	1
Williamsburg—E. J. Pike,	2
Wilton—John Hanks,	1

Walter W. Williams, H. R. Osborne, J. McClelland, *Wilfred C. Keeler*, Wade C. Barclay, members of Letts Quarterly Conference, left without appointment to attend some of our schools.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

W. G. WILSON, <i>Presiding Elder</i> .—Grinnell, Iowa,	4
Barnes City—A. C. Boyd,	1
Beacon— <i>George Schlenker</i> ,	2
Brooklyn—A. V. Kendrick,	4
Deep River—W. M. Groome,	1
Delta— <i>G. H. Hanawalt</i> ,	2
Evans— <i>M. L. Sanders</i> ,	1
Ewart— <i>A. J. Good</i> ,	1
Grinnell—W. P. Stoddard,	1
Kellogg— <i>D. R. Martin</i> ,	2
Lacey—W. A. Longnecker,	4
Lynnville— <i>F. I. Poage</i> ,	1
Malcom—W. C. Van Schoiack,	1
Montezuma—P. J. Henness,	2
New Sharon—I. P. Teter,	3
Newton—J. C. Willits,	1
Newton Circuit—A. S. Loveall,	1
Oskaloosa, Central Church—Jay W. Somerville,	1
Pella—J. C. Kendrick,	2
Reasnor—D. F. Stiles,	1
Rose Hill— <i>A. W. McBlain</i> ,	2
Sonora—D. Phillips,	1
Taintor—To be supplied by Alex. Telford,	1
Thornburg— <i>C. N. Pace</i> ,	2

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.—CONTINUED.

	Years.
Victor—C. R. Zimmerman,	2
What Cheer—Elias Handy,	1

C. F. Williams, Secretary for Anti-saloon League, member of Newton Quarterly Conference.

C. V. Cowan, Missionary to Arizona, stationed at Phoenix.

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

J. W. LAMBERT, <i>Presiding Elder</i> .—Knoxville, Iowa,	1
Agency—W. S. Moore,	1
Albia—J. W. Hackley,	1
Albia Circuit— <i>E. L. Tennant</i> ,	1
Attica—D. S. Dunlavy,	1
Blakesburg— <i>J. W. DeYoe</i> ,	1
Brighton—H. A. Ingham,	1
Cedar—H. B. Scoles,	2
Chillicothe—Charles E. Coggeshall,	1
Durham—W. S. Shearer,	2
Eddyville—W. F. Gilmore,	1
Fremont—C. L. Tennant,	2
Hedrick—Latham Ingham,	3
Kirkville—J. C. Caughlan,	3
Knoxville—W. G. Thorn,	1
Lovilia—C. W. Wilson,	2
Martinsburg—W. H. Dillon,	2
Marysville—Supplied, . . . . .	...
Melrose— <i>J. S. Decker</i> ,	1
Moravia—C. R. Norton,	3
Ottumwa, First Church—F. E. Brush,	4
“ Main Street— <i>F. B. Tucker</i> ,	2
“ Willard Street—D. C. Smith,	1
Packwood—W. A. Jackson,	1
Pleasant Plain—Wm. L. Fry,	2
Richland—G. W. Pool,	1
Sigourney—A. B. Hightshoe,	2
Tracy—Samuel Thero,	1
Unionville—S. P. Souden,	2

U. B. Smith, Assistant General Superintendent American Home Family Association, member of First Church, Ottumwa, Quarterly Conference.

J. E. VanWinkle, District Superintendent of the Iowa Children's Home Society, member of Eddyville Quarterly Conference.

U. S. Smith, to attend school.

IX.

IOWA CONFERENCE ROLL AND RECORD.

1899-1900,

Number	NAMES.	Relation	ENTERED ITINERANCY		Entered Iowa Conference...	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			CHURCH OR CONFERENCE.	When		TOWN.	COUNTY.
1	Abbott, David G. . . .	E	Iowa	1895	..	Kalona	Washington.
2	Adams, Frank W. . . .	E	"	1881	..	Ladora	Iowa.
3	Armacost, James H. .	Sy	Kentucky	1882	1884		
4	Barber, Geo. W. . . .	E	Iowa	1883	..	Farmington . .	Van Buren.
5	Barclay, Wade C. . .	E	"	1893	..	Oxford.	Johnson.
6	Barker, Thomas F. . .	E	"	1890	..	Eldon	Wapello.
7	Barnett, John F. . . .	E	"	1884	..	Ft. Madison . .	Lee.
8	Barton, James G. . . .	Sy	"	1868	..	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
9	Beckham, James J. . .	Sy	Arkansas	1888	1892	New York . . .	
10	Bevan, David C. . . .	E	Iowa	1871	..	Morning Sun. .	Louisa.
11	Bishop, S. F.	E	"	1878	..	Columbus City.	Louisa.
12	Blakeslee, Francis D .	E	New England So .	..	1899	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
13	Boatman, James A. . .	E	Kentucky	1870	1883	Keokuk.	Lee.
14	Boyd, Alexander C. . .	E	Iowa	1889	..	Barnes City . .	Poweshiek.
15	Boydston, Boaz M. . .	E	"	1880	..	Danville	Des Moines.
16	Breeden, Richard . . .	E	"	1888	..	Amish.	Johnson.
17	Bridges, John	Sy	"	1889	..		
18	Brooks, Edward C. . .	E	Colorado	1870	1887	Centerville . .	Appanoose.
19	Brush, Frank E. . . .	E	Upper Iowa . . .	1877	1896	Ottumwa	Wapello.
20	Busby, Isaac N. . . .	Sy	Iowa	1868	..	Brooklyn	Poweshiek.
21	Byrkit, George W. . . .	E	"	1857	..	West Chester .	Washington
22	Caldwell, James W. . .	P	"	1898	..	Troy	Davis.
23	Cannom, George F. . .	F	Bible Christian .	1882	1884	Wayland	Henry.
24	Carson, John W. . . .	E	Iowa	1890	..	Salem	Henry.
25	Caughlan, John C. . .	E	"	1888	..	Kirkville . . .	Wapello.
26	Chew, Wm. C.	E	Austin	1885	1887	No. English . .	Iowa.
27	Clapp, Wm. L.	E	Iowa	1893	..	Crawfordsville.	Washington.
28	Coates, James M. . . .	E	"	1860	..	Millersburg . .	Iowa.
29	Coggeshall, Charles E.	E	"	1893	..	Chillicothe . .	Wapello.
30	Collier, Richard	E	Prim. Methodist .	1867	1889	Mystic	Appanoose.
31	Cooper, Charles S. . . .	E	Missouri	1869	1890	Keosauqua . . .	Van Buren.
32	Corkhill, Charles E. .	Sy	Iowa	1886	..	Oskaloosa . . .	Mahaska.
33	Corley, Joseph E. . . .	Sy	"	1871	..	West Liberty .	Muscatine.
34	Cowan, Clarence V. . .	Sy	"	1880	..	Phoenix	Arizona.
35	Coxe, J. C. W.	E	Vermont	1864	1874	Washington . .	Washington.
36	Crull, L. A.	D	Arkansas . . . .	..	1899	Sweetl'd Center	Muscatine.
37	Craig, Jesse	Sd	Pittsburg	1845	1855	Pueblo	Colo.
38	Daly, Eugene S.	E	Iowa	1875	..	West Grove . .	Davis.
39	Davis, John	Sy	New Connection .	1869	1871	Nashville, Ill .	
40	Decker, John S.	P	Iowa	1899	..	Melrose	Appanoose.
41	Dillon, Wm. H.	E	"	1894	..	Martinsburg . .	Keokuk.
42	De Yoe, J. Willard . .	P	"	1899	..	Blakesburg . .	Wapello.
43	Doud, Edward E. . . .	P	"	1885	..	New London . .	Henry.
44	Dunlavy, Dan'l S. . . .	P	St. Louis	1880	1885	Attica	Marion.
45	Erskine, W. M.	P	Iowa	1890	..	Libertyville. .	Jefferson.
46	Ethell, Henry C. . . .	Sy	"	1890	..	Floris	Davis.
47	Evans, Frank W. . . .	Sy	"	1851	..	Des Moines . .	Polk.
48	Eyestone, Jas. B. . . .	E	"	1898	..	Keosauqua . . .	Van Buren.
49	Ferguson, John S. . . .	Sy	"	1865	..	Keokuk	Lee.
50	Filmer, George	E	New York East .	1874	1891	Ainsworth . . .	Washington.
51	Fitzsimmons, Chas. E.	P	Iowa	1899	..	Nichols	Muscatine.
52	Fraker, J. W.	E	"	1884	..	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
53	Fry, William L.	E	"	1895	..	Pleasant Plain.	Jefferson.
54	Gardner, W. S.	E	"	1882	..	Keokuk.	Lee.
55	Gilbert, Hiram F. . . .	E	"	1893	..	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
56	Gilmore, Wm. F. . . .	E	"	1894	..	Eddyville. . . .	Wapello.
57	Good, Andrew J. . . .	P	"	1898	..	Ewart.	Poweshiek.
58	Groome, Wm. N.	E	"	1874	..	Deep River. . .	Poweshiek.
59	Hackley, John W. . . .	E	"	1882	..	Albia.	Marion.
60	Haines, Aaron W. . . .	E	"	1869	..	Oxford	Johnson.

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61	Hall, W. N.	E	N'thwest Indiana	1873	1880	Tiffin	Johnson.
62	Hanawalt, Geo. H. . . .	D	Iowa	1896		Delta	Keokuk.
63	Handy, Elias	E	"	1891		What Cheer. . . .	Keokuk.
64	Hankins, Benj. G. . . .	E	"	1897		Sperry	Des Moines.
65	Hanks, John	E	"	1889		Wilton.	Muscatine.
66	Hardy, Joshua B. . . .	Sd	Rock River.	1842	1844	Brooklyn.	Poweshiek.
67	Haynes, James	Sd	Iowa	1855		Omaha, Neb. . . .	
68	Hennes, Peter J. . . .	E	"	1887		Montezuma	Poweshiek.
69	Heppe, Wm. H.	E	St. Louis German	1890	1893	Mt. Pleasant . . .	Henry.
70	Hightshoe, Arthur B. .	E	Iowa	1889		Sigourney.	Keokuk.
71	Hill, John B.	Sd	West Virginia . . .	1852	1852	Agency	Wapello.
72	Hoover, Jacob M. . . .	E	Rock River.	1890		Pulaski.	Davis.
73	Hughes, T. B.	E	West Virginia . . .	1857	1886	Bloomfield	Davis.
74	Hurlburt, R. F.	E	Upper Iowa	1882	1896	Burlington	Des Moines.
75	Ingham, Hardy A. . . .	E	Iowa	1894		Brighton	Washington.
76	Ingham, Latham	E	Nebraska	1890	1890	Hedrick	Keokuk.
77	Ireland, W. B.	E	Iowa	1893		Mt. Union	Henry.
78	Jackson, Warren A. . .	E	"	1892		Packwood	Jefferson.
79	Jeffrey, Wm. R., Jr. . .	E	"	1893		Moulton	Appanoose.
80	Jones, Wm. H.	E	"	1887		Riverside.	Washington.
81	Keeler, Wilfred C. . . .	P	"	1897		Oxford	Johnson.
82	Kemble, Ira O.	E	"	1865		Fairfield	Jefferson.
83	Kendrick, A. V.	E	"	1873		Brooklyn	Poweshiek.
84	Kendrick, John C. . . .	E	"	1869		Pella.	Mahaska.
85	Kight, Winfield S. . . .	E	"	1884		Columbus Junc	Louisa.
86	Lambert, J. W.	E	West Virginia . . .	1877	1885	Knoxville.	Marion.
87	Latimer, A.	Sy	Illinois	1871	1879		
88	Light, Oliver P.	Sd	"	1852	1867		
89	Longnecker, Wm. A. . .	E	Iowa	1892		Lacey	Mahaska.
90	Loveall, A. S.	E	West Virginia . . .	1879	1886	Newton Cir. . . .	Jasper.
91	Mahaffie, W. H.	E	Puget Sound	1893	1893	Letts	Louisa.
92	Mark, Banner	Sy	Ohio	1846	1860	Los Angeles, Cal.	
93	Marsh, Waldo B.	E	S. W. Kansas	1877	1891	Hillsboro.	Henry.
94	Martin, Dan'l R.	D	Iowa	1896		Kellogg	Jasper.
95	McBlain, Alex. W. . . .	D	"	1896		Rose Hill	Mahaska.
96	McClelland, John M. . .	E	"	1892		Sweetland	Muscatine.
97	Millice, Henry C. . . .	E	"	1885		Drakeville	Davis.
98	Miner, George L.	E	"	1894		Boston, Mass. . . .	
99	Montgomery, Chas. H. .	E	"	1873		Muscatine	Muscatine.
100	Moore, Wm. S.	E	"	1890		Agency	Wapello.
101	Myers, Thomas J. . . .	E	"	1869		Mt. Pleasant . . .	Henry.
102	Newsom, J. E.	E	"	1888		Wellman	Washington.
103	Norton, Charles R. . . .	E	"	1872		Moravia	Appanoose.
104	Osborne, H. R.	E	Missouri	1892	1896	Delaware, O. . . .	
105	Osborn, Thomas	E	Iowa	1889		Winfield	Henry.
106	Pace, Chas. N.	P	"	1899		Thornburg	Keokuk.
107	Patterson, Ralph L. . .	E	Illinois	1882	1884	Keosauqua	Van Buren.
108	Payne, J. R.	E	Iowa	1888		Keota.	Washington.
109	Perdew, William H. . .	E	"	1894		Boston, Mass. . . .	
110	Phelps, Warren A. . . .	E	Genesee	1884	1892	El Paso, Tex. . . .	
111	Phillips, David	E	Iowa	1890		Sonora	Poweshiek.
112	Pike, Elias J.	E	"	1868		Williamsburg. . . .	Iowa.
113	Poage, Frank I.	P	"	1898		Lynnville.	Jasper.
114	Pool, John W.	E	"	1894		Ft. Madison	Lee.
115	Pool, George W.	E	Methodist Prot'st	1885	1889	Richland	Washington.
116	Pool, Robert D.	D	Iowa	1897		Blue Grass	Muscatine.
117	Pool, Thomas S.	E	"	1887		Wapello	Louisa.
118	Potter, John	Sy	"	1870		Lynnville	Jasper.
119	Potter, John W.	E	"	1887		Milton	Van Buren.
120	Potter, Wm. N.	E	"	1883		Lexington	Washington.
121	Powelson, Chas. W. . . .	E	"	1886		Burlington	Des Moines.
122	Pugh, Henry F.	E	"	1873		Lone Tree	Johnson.
123	Pusey, Morris J.	E	"	1887		Callao, Peru	
124	Robinson, Anthony . . .	Sd	Indiana	1836	1857	Ottumwa	Wapello.
125	Robinson, Hiram T. . .	E	Iowa	1894		Boston, Mass. . . .	
126	Rolingston, W. R. . . .	E	Southwest Kansas . .	1899		Cantril	Van Buren.
127	Rutledge, Herbert I. . .	P	Iowa	1899		Koszta	Iowa.
128	Runyan, Harrison	Sd	"	1860		Sidney	Fremont.
129	Sanders, Marion L. . . .	D	"	1897		Evans	Mahaska.
130	Schlenker, George	D	"	1891		Beacon	Mahaska.
131	Schreckengast, I. B. . .	E	Iowa	1888		Washington	Washington.

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132	Schreiner, Edwin L. . .	E	Iowa	1865	..	Burlington . .	Des Moines.
133	Scoles, Harry B. . . .	E	"	1894	..	Cedar	Mahaska.
134	Shane, Benjamin F. . .	E	"	1869	..	Selma	Van Buren.
135	Shearer, Wm. S. . . .	E	"	1895	..	Durham	Marion.
136	Shippen, Wm. C. . . .	Sy	"	1852	..		
137	Shook, Ed. J.	E	"	1893	..	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
138	Simmons, John T. . . .	Sy	"	1856	..	Ottumwa . . .	Wapello.
139	Sinclair, James A. . . .	F	"	1884	..	Ciuciunati . .	Appanoose.
140	Smith, Andrew M. . . .	E	"	1889	..	Webster . . .	Keokuk.
141	Smith, David C.	E	"	1864	..	Ottumwa . . .	Wapello.
142	Smith, Edward J. . . .	E	St. Louis German.	1895	1897	Bentonsport .	Van Buren.
143	Smith, Herman N. . . .	F	Iowa	1888	..	Mediapolis . .	Des Moines.
144	Smith, U. S.	F	"	1892	..	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
145	Smith, Uriah B.	E	"	1867	..	Ottumwa . . .	Wapello.
146	Sommerville, T. W. . . .	E	"	1899	..	Oskaloosa . .	Mahaska.
147	Souden, S. P.	E	"	1885	..	Unionville . .	Appanoose.
148	Spaulding, W. J. . . .	Sy	Indiana	1854	1856	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
149	Stafford, Charles L. . .	E	Iowa	1870	..	Muscatine . .	Muscatine.
150	Stiles, D. F.	F	"	1896	..	Reasnor . . .	Jasper.
151	Stoddard, Walter P. . .	E	New Engl. South.	1880	1891	Grinnell . . .	Poweshiek.
152	Stryker, Almond W. . .	Sd	Indiana	1850	1856	Victor, Iowa.	
153	Stryker, Wm. R. . . .	E	Iowa	1875	..	Marengo, Iowa.	
154	Taylor, John H.	D	"	1896	..	Salina	Jefferson.
155	Tennant, Charles L. . .	E	"	1884	..	Fremont . . .	Mahaska.
156	Teunant, Edgar L. . . .	D	"	1897	..	Albia	Monroe.
157	Teter, Isaac P.	E	"	1853	..	New Sharon .	Mahaska.
158	Thero, Samuel	E	"	1892	..	Tracey	Marion.
159	Thompson, James G. . .	Sd	"	1853	..	Sigourney . .	Keokuk.
160	Thorn, William G. . . .	E	"	1867	..	Knoxville . .	Marion.
161	Thornley, Arthur E. . .	E	"	1891	..	Batavia . . .	Jefferson.
162	Tucker, Fred. B. . . .	D	"	1896	..	Ottumwa . . .	Wapello.
163	Tuttle, George M. . . .	E	Vermont	1870	1876	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
164	Van Schoiack, W. C. . .	E	Iowa	1888	..	Malcom . . .	Poweshiek.
165	Vanwinkle, James E. . .	E	"	1894	..	Eddyville . . .	Wapello.
166	Waring, Edmund H. . .	Sd	Baltimore	1850	1857	Oskaloosa . .	Mahaska.
167	Weese, Renix	Sd	West Virginia . . .	1873	1885	Montrose . .	Lee.
168	Wells, Nelson	Sd	Iowa	1852	..	Mt. Ple sant.	Henry.
169	Wilkins, John E. . . .	E	Iowa	1890	..	Birmingham .	Van Buren.
170	Williams, Charles F. . .	D	"	1880	..	Des Moines . .	Polk.
171	Williams, Walter W. . .	E	"	1896	..	Grandview . .	Louisa.
172	Willits, John C. . . .	E	"	1891	..	Newton . . .	Jasper.
173	Wilson, Charles W. . . .	E	"	1888	..	Lovilia . . .	Monroe.
174	Wilson, William G. . . .	E	"	1870	..	Grinnell . . .	Poweshiek.
175	Zimmerman, C. R. . . .	E	"	1891	..	Victor	Iowa.

NOTE.—E is for Effective; Sd for Superannuated; Sy for Supernumerary.

SUMMARY.

Members of Conference	164	Superannuates	13
Probationers	11	Supernumerary	15
		Effective	136
Total	175	Probationers	11
		Total	175

ERRATUM.—Mediapolis Charge, in Statistics I and IV, is reported as having a membership of 131. This is incorrect; it should be 231.

SESSIONS AND OFFICERS OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE.

NO.	TIME.	Year.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.	STATISTICAL SEC'Y.	TREASURER.
1	August 14-18	1844	Iowa City	Morris	H. W. Reed . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
2	September 3-8	1845	Burlington . . . . .	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
3	September 2-7	1846	Bloomington	Hamline . . . . .	" . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
4	September 1-7	1847	Mt. Pleasant	Wagh	Joseph Brooks . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
5	August 23-28	1848	Dubuque	Morris	H. W. Reed . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
6	August 8-13	1849	Ft. Madison	Janes	Langdon Taylor . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
7	August 7-12	1850	Fairfield	Hamline	J. G. Dimmitt . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
8	August 6-11	1851	Davenport	Wangh	M. H. Hare . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
9	Sept. 29 to Oct. 4	1852	Burlington	Ames	Joseph Brooks . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
10	Sept. 28 to Oct. 4	1853	Oskaloosa	Scott . . . . .	" . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
11	Sept. 27 to Oct. 4	1854	Dubuque	Morris	H. W. Reed . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
12	Sept. 26 to Oct. 3	1855	Keokuk	Simpson	Joseph Brooks . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
13	September 24-30	1856	Mt. Pleasant	Janes . . . . .	" . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
14	September 24-29	1857	Des Moines	Ames . . . . .	" . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
15	September 8-14	1858	Fairfield	Morris	E. L. Briggs	E. H. Waring . . . . .	. . . . .
16	September 7-12	1859	Muscatine	Simpson	E. H. Waring	James Haynes . . . . .	. . . . .
17	Aug. 29 to Sept. 3	1860	Oskaloosa	Janes	"	Geo. N. Power . . . . .	. . . . .
18	August 21-26	1861	Burlington	Scott . . . . .	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	. . . . .
19	September 10-15	1862	Washington	Baker . . . . .	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	. . . . .
20	September 9-14	1863	Newton	Ames . . . . .	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	. . . . .
21	September 14-19	1864	Keokuk	Janes . . . . .	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	. . . . .
22	Sept. 27 to Oct. 2	1865	Mt. Pleasant	"	"	John Haynes . . . . .	. . . . .
23	Sept. 26 to Oct. 1	1866	Knoxville	Ames	"	J. C. Brown . . . . .	. . . . .
24	September 18-23	1867	Ottumwa	Scott . . . . .	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	. . . . .
25	September 3-7	1868	Burlington	Janes	"	Kemble, Schreiner . . . . .	. . . . .
26	September 1-6	1869	Muscatine	Thomson	"	Haynes, Byrkit . . . . .	. . . . .
27	Sept. 28 to Oct. 3	1870	Albia	Ames	"	Schreiner . . . . .	. . . . .
28	October 4-9	1871	Mt. Pleasant	"	"	C. W. Shepherd . . . . .	. . . . .
29	October 9-14	1872	Oskaloosa	Andrews	"	Smith, Clark, Wilson . . . . .	. . . . .
30	September 17-21	1873	Washington	Bowman	"	Stafford, Byrkit, Shane . . . . .	. . . . .
31	September 16-21	1874	Bloomfield	Haven . . . . .	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	. . . . .
32	September 15-21	1875	Keokuk	Merrill . . . . .	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	. . . . .
33	September 6-12	1876	Ottumwa	Wiley	Geo. N. Power	Myers, Shepherd . . . . .	. . . . .
34	September 5-10	1877	Fairfield	Ames . . . . .	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	. . . . .
35	September 4-10	1878	Brooklyn	Foster . . . . .	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	. . . . .
36	September 3-9	1879	Burlington	Harris . . . . .	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	. . . . .
37	September 8-13	1880	Centerville	Hurst . . . . .	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	. . . . .
38	Aug. 31 to Sept. 5	1881	Knoxville	Merrill . . . . .	" . . . . .	" . . . . .	. . . . .
39	September 6-11	1882	Muscatine	Wiley	"	Pugh
40	September 5-10	1883	Burlington	Simpson	"	"

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NO.	TIME.	Year.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.	STATISTICAL SEC'Y.	TREASURER.
41	September 3-9	1884	Ottumwa	Foster	Geo. N. Power	Myers, Pugh
42	September 10-15	1885	Mt. Pleasant	Ninde	"	" Adams	C. W. Shepherd.
43	September 2-7	1886	Washington	Bowman	"	Adams	"
44	September 7-12	1887	Newton	Merrill	"	"	"
45	September 5-10	1888	Oskaloosa	Goodsell	"	"	"
46	September 4-9	1889	Burlington	Warren	"	"	"
47	September 4-8	1890	Grinnell	Joyce	"	"	"
48	September 2-7	1891	Muscatine	Foss	"	"	"
49	September 7-12	1892	Washington	Andrews	"	"	"
50	September 6-11	1893	Mt. Pleasant	Mallalieu	C. L. Stafford	"	"
51	September 12-16	1894	Fairfield	Fowler	"	"	"
52	September 11-16	1895	Ottumwa	Foster	"	"	"
53	September 9-14	1896	Knoxville	Newman	"	"	"
54	September 8-13	1897	Oskaloosa	FitzGerald	"	"	"
55	September 28-October 3	1898	Montezuma	Vincent	"	"	T. S. Pool.
56	September 27-October 2	1899	Mt. Pleasant	McCabe	"	"	"

ROLL AND RECORD OF THE BISHOPS.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Ent'r'd the Ministry.	Ordained Bishop.	NAME.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Ent'r'd the Ministry.	Ordained Bishop.
Thomas Bowman . .	Evanston, Illinois	1839	1872	Willard F. Mallalieu .	Boston, Massachusetts	1858	1884
Randolph S. Foster .	Roxbury, Massachusetts	1839	1872	Charles H. Fowler . .	Buffalo, New York	1861	1884
Stephen M. Merrill .	57 Washington St., Chicago . . .	1846	1872	John H. Vincent . . .	Topeka, Kansas	1853	1888
Edward G. Andrews .	New York City	1848	1872	James N. FitzGerald .	St. Louis, Missouri	1862	1888
Henry W. Warren . .	Denver, Colorado	1855	1880	Isaac W. Joyce	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1859	1888
Cyrus D. Foss	Philadelphia	1857	1880	John P. Newman . . .	San Francisco, California	1848	1888
John F. Hurst	Washington, D. C.	1858	1880	Daniel A. Goodsell . .	Chattanooga, Tennessee	1859	1888
W. X. Niude	Detroit, Michigan	1856	1884	Charles C. McCabe . .	Ft. Worth, Texas	1860	1896
John M. Walden . . .	Cincinnati, Ohio	1858	1884	Earl Cranston	Portland, Oregon	1867	1896

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NAMES.	BIRTH.	DEATH.	MINISTRY.
Ferree, Uriah	Aug. 7, 1813	1846	1841 to 1846
Knight, William W.	Oct. 20, 1817	May 28, 1847	1844 to 1847
Arrington, Joel	1812	July 20, 1851	1833 to 1851
Ockerman, Joseph	1814	August 27, 1850	1842 to 1850
Vail, Solomon T.	1814	July 28, 1852	1849 to 1852
Jamison, Joseph	1853	1853	1851 to 1853
Bishop, Alfred	1853	1854	1847 to 1854
Wright, Ansel	1819	January 1, 1859	1845 to 1859
Jay, John	1800	February 9, 1857	1821 to 1857
Clark, Samuel	June 11, 1811	February 27, 1860	1837 to 1860
McClasky, Isaac	December 15, 1836	April 28, 1860	1857 to 1860
Conrad, George W.	June 9, 1809	March 23, 1863	1847 to 1863
Hammond, J. Q.	February 2, 1832	June 28, 1862	1857 to 1862
Coiner, Erasmus T.	November 4, 1838	July 2, 1863	1860 to 1863
Byrkit, William A.	January 22, 1812	February 22, 1864	1837 to 1864
Simpson, William	April 9, 1836	July 2, 1864	1857 to 1864
Wayman, Manasseh B.	August 4, 1806	August 15, 1864	1837 to 1864
Stewart, Isaac I.	November 20, 1806	January 18, 1865	1837 to 1860
Bussey, Amos	February 13, 1815	March 1, 1866	1840 to 1866
Worthington, David	March 19, 1820	January 1, 1867	1856 to 1867
Crellin, Henry	August 30, 1817	December 16, 1867	1855 to 1866
Boyles, Thomas D.	December 23, 1817	July 27, 1868	1845 to 1868
Hare, Michael H.	May 16, 1792	January 6, 1869	1818 to 1859
Elliott, Charles	March 23, 1824	April 18, 1871	1854 to 1871
Bamford, George W.	July 23, 1830	January 1, 1872	1854 to 1865
Latham, James W.	March 22, 1828	July 21, 1872	1854 to 1872
Donaldson, David	December 8, 1842	September 5, 1872	1868 to 1872
Elliott, John	March 15, 1798	January 26, 1873	1821 to 1873
Power, John H.	April 17, 1832	April 1, 1873	1857 to 1873
Prather, Amos S.	August 2, 1814	July 17, 1873	1837 to 1861
White, James H.	February 21, 1818	October 21, 1873	1855 to 1873
Friend, George	May 22, 1849	August 21, 1874	1872 to 1874
Gortner, B. W.	August 3, 1825	March 30, 1875	1869 to 1875
Smith, David B.	July 1, 1837	July 30, 1877	1866 to 1872
Coddington, Eli H.	Hugans, John W.	April 12, 1878	1873 to 1878
Hugans, John W.	Ludwig, Silas T.	July 20, 1878	1877 to 1878
Ludwig, Silas T.	Harris, John	July 29, 1881	1845 to 1875
Harris, John	Wheeler, John	June 18, 1881	1855 to 1881
Wheeler, John	Holland, Benjamin	January 17, 1883	1853 to 1874
Holland, Benjamin	Holtzinger, P. F.	May 20, 1883	1843 to 1881
Holtzinger, P. F.	Robinson, Richard S.	May 6, 1884	1829 to 1870
Robinson, Richard S.	Woodford, L. C.	September 3, 1884	1841 to 1859
Woodford, L. C.	Freeland, J. S.	January 2, 1885	1871 to 1885
Freeland, J. S.	Berry, Eben C.	June 30, 1885	1876 to 1885
Berry, Eben C.	McDowell, Joseph	October 16, 1885	1833 to 1865
McDowell, Joseph	Kirkpatrick, T. M.	March 10, 1886	1837 to 1875
Kirkpatrick, T. M.	Johnson, Allen W.	June 27, 1887	1843 to 1872
Johnson, Allen W.	Allison, Robert J.	September 3, 1888	1884 to 1888
Allison, Robert J.	Hayden, John	July 10, 1888	1841 to 1865
Hayden, John	Haynes, John	April 16, 1888	1859 to 1888
Haynes, John	Gassner, Joseph	March 26, 1889	1836 to 1879
Gassner, Joseph	Morey, Cyrus	March 27, 1890	1851 to 1886
Morey, Cyrus	Blackeney, James B.	June 18, 1890	1830 to 1890
Blackeney, James B.	McCutcheon, James H.	November 24, 1890	1839 to 1862
McCutcheon, James H.	Reynolds, C. P.	June 26, 1891	1853 to 1885
Reynolds, C. P.	Willey, G. F. W.	June 21, 1892	1874 to 1885
Willey, G. F. W.	Hestwood, S.	June 22, 1892	1853 to 1892
Hestwood, S.	Power, G. N.	October 26, 1892	1856 to 1892
Power, G. N.	Orr, John	February 2, 1893	1859 to 1883
Orr, John	Smith, S. C.	May 22, 1893	1879 to 1892
Smith, S. C.	McDonald, J. W.	May 31, 1893	1866 to 1893
McDonald, J. W.	Wilson, R. G.	June 2, 1894	1883 to 1894
Wilson, R. G.	Dunn, C. S. H.	August 17, 1894	1880 to 1892
Dunn, C. S. H.	Shelton, O. C.	September 5, 1894	1836 to 1888
Shelton, O. C.	Murphy, D.	January 29, 1895	1858 to 1895
Murphy, D.	Clark, G. H.	April 16, 1895	1851 to 1878
Clark, G. H.	Posten, Wm.	December 11, 1895	1855 to 1885
Posten, Wm.	Robertson, J. F.	July 24, 1896	1877 to 1896
Robertson, J. F.	Patterson, W. E.	February 1, 1897	1871 to 1897
Patterson, W. E.	Burgess, John	May 6, 1897	1843 to 1873
Burgess, John	Twining, E. W.	May 24, 1897	1846 to 1876
Twining, E. W.	Corkhill, T. E.	June 30, 1897	1851 to 1890
Corkhill, T. E.	Mair, Walter F.	December 30, 1897	1887 to 1897
Mair, Walter F.	Coleman, James T.	January 29, 1898	1847 to 1881
Coleman, James T.	Allender, Richard B.	April 19, 1898	1853 to 1879
Allender, Richard B.	Shepherd, Chas. W.	May 31, 1898	1868 to 1898
Shepherd, Chas. W.	Lewis, John W.	September 4, 1898	1852 to 1898
Lewis, John W.	See, Michael	November 16, 1898	1845 to 1885
See, Michael	Thomas, S. H.	November 23, 1898	1860 to 1888
Thomas, S. H.	Cowles, Wm. F.	July 14, 1899	1843 to 1888
Cowles, Wm. F.			

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MINISTERS' WIVES.

NAMES.	BORN.	DIED.
Maria La Monte Cowles	January 4, 1836	August 3, 1873.
Esther McDowell	November 7, 1792	November 26, 1872.
N. J. Rankin		August 8, 1873.
Hannah Elliott Shane	August 12, 1849	April 27, 1873.
Harriet Olive Shepherd	December 7, 1850	March 12, 1873.
Josephine Rice	1852	October 20, 1873.
Jennie F. Busby	December, 1841	August 20, 1874.
Mary N. Power	April 26, 1806	January 1, 1876.
Harriet H. Gassner	September 10, 1822	December 23, 1877.
Jane Johnson Briggs		June 20, 1878.
Lucy Shelton	April 1, 1816	February 4, 1878.
Martha A. Smith	November 14, 1844	August 23, 1878.
Clara Ehrman Patterson	April 26, 1851	October 9, 1881.
Ann C. Bean Clark	March 1, 1836	1882.
Elmira R. Allender	August 16, 1820	April 7, 1883.
Milred Holland		October 11, 1883.
Elizabeth Clark	September 4, 1805	1884.
Emma A. Wycoff	1857	March 1, 1884.
Irene Carnine	May 10, 1852	December 10, 1884.
A. B. Busby	August 27, 1857	October 1, 1886.
S. B. Swain	August 4, 1849	March 3, 1886.
Jennie Robinson Adams	June 8, 1854	January 31, 1884.
J. H. McCutcheon	June 3, 1821	July 30, 1885.
J. W. Lewis	April 9, 1862	February 14, 1887.
C. Morey	August 15, 1821	July 28, 1888.
Mary A. Morgan Orr	July 4, 1823	September 28, 1887.
Mary A. Waring	November 16, 1828	November 15, 1887.
R. S. Robinson	July 15, 1825	July 15, 1889.
Georgiana Y. Smith	October 6, 1841	October 12, 1889.
Mary F. Cox	March 20, 1841	November 11, 1889.
Catharine Bamford	April 28, 1831	March 16, 1890.
Sarah Waring	August 30, 1830	August 4, 1890.
Matilda Brown Power	August 20, 1831	August 9, 1890.
Martha W. Stryker	February 1, 1826	April 18, 1891.
Christina S. Hooper	August 28, 1852	July 26, 1891.
Mary B. Kemble	December 26, 1836	July 30, 1891.
Lucretia E. Worthington	August 10, 1835	September 19, 1891.
Jane Collier	December 10, 1840	December 31, 1891.
Martha A. Simmons	March 1, 1832	May 4, 1892.
Louisa Dunlavy	June 1, 1854	September 27, 1892.
Mary A. Holtzinger	September 30, 1820	December 20, 1892.
Martha A. Schreiner	October 19, 1847	December 29, 1892.
Mrs. D. C. Bevan		1892.
Nancy J. Smith	January 16, 1848	February 7, 1894.
Ann Harris	1808	April 7, 1894.
Catherine Friend	December 26, 1821	August 8, 1894.
Nancy Jane Light	September 12, 1833	August 4, 1895.
Rebecca M. Boyles	October 10, 1822	March 24, 1895.
Maria H. Woodford	January 10, 1816	October 27, 1895.
Alice T. Johnson	January 1, 1852	February 25, 1896.
Mary Jane Hill	June 8, 1829	March 3, 1896.
Emily Amelia Hardy	February 17, 1826	December 1, 1896.
Sarah Ann Robinson	July 26, 1821	June 18, 1897.
Catharine A. Blakeney	1829	April 16, 1898.
Jane E. See	January 3, 1831	November 28, 1898.
Gertrude Rowe Ingham	September 17, 1837	March 11, 1899.
Leama M. Tuttle	April 17, 1856	September 23, 1899.

LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

MORNING SESSION.

MT. PLEASANT, IOWA, *September 29, 1899.*

THE Electoral Conference of Laymen of the Iowa Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met at the First Methodist Episcopal Church at ten o'clock A. M., and was called to order by Senator James Harlan, who, by unanimous consent, called Hon. J. M. Kemble to preside as temporary Chairman. By request of the Chairman, Rev. I. N. Busby read appropriate selections of Scripture and offered prayer.

On motion, Dillon H. Payne was selected as temporary Secretary.

On motion, the following Committees were appointed:

Committee on Credentials.

J. B. ATLEE, Burlington District.
GEORGE CREATH, Keokuk District.
O. E. MCBRIDE, Oskaloosa District.
C. H. WILSON, Muscatine District.
E. T. MAIKEN, Ottumwa District.

Committee on Permanent Organization.

E. T. WILLETS, Burlington District.
J. W. STARK, Keokuk District.
JOHN MOLER, Oskaloosa District.
MRS. L. G. MURPHY, Muscatine District.
O. J. KENDIG, Ottumwa District.

Committee on Resolutions.

W. H. GRAY, Burlington District.
S. C. JAMES, Keokuk District.
JOHN MOLLENIX, Oskaloosa District.
FRANK BACON, Muscatine District.
S. G. CUSHING, Ottumwa District.

It was moved by Senator Harlan, and adopted, that the Lay Conference go in a body at 4 P. M. to call on the Bishop and visit the Annual Conference at College Chapel.

It was moved, and carried, that when this Conference adjourn, it be to meet at 1.30 P. M.

On motion, the Conference took a recess of thirty minutes, in order to enable the Committees to report before noon, if they could do so.

After the recess, the Committee on Credentials, through C. H. Wilson, its Chairman, made a report in writing as to the delegates present. Their names were read, and the Committee reported 100 delegates present. Report adopted.

The Committee on Permanent Organization, through J. W. Stark, Chairman, reported as the permanent officers of the Conference:

HON. JAMES HARLAN, Chairman.
DILLON H. PAYNE, Secretary.

On motion, J. W. STARK was selected as Assistant Secretary.

The communication from the Laymen's Association of the Baltimore Conference, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Resolutions. The Conference, on motion, adjourned to meet at 1.30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THE Lay Conference met at 1.30 P. M., pursuant to adjournment, with Hon. J. M. Kemble in the chair. The Rev. J. W. Hackley offered prayer. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Rev. I. P. Teter appeared and tendered to the Lay Conference the greetings of the Iowa Conference, and invited the Lay Conference to call on the Bishop and the ministerial Conference at the College Chapel, at four o'clock P. M., the appointed hour.

Senator Harlan was then called to the chair, and tendered his thanks as permanent Chairman.

Brother Walker moved that the Conference proceed to select delegates to the General Conference, and that an informal ballot be first taken in order to bring out the names of the candidates. Carried.

The informal ballot brought out the names of the following candidates: Chris. Haw, Dillon H. Payne, J. T. Hackworth, O. E. McBride, John Moler, J. W. McMullen, W. H. Gray, C. H. Wilson, Frank Bacon, P. Ratliff, E. S. Huston, George Creath, George Hard, James Harlan, and E. P. Axtell.

It was moved by W. W. Rankin, and carried, that a formal ballot be taken. The first formal ballot resulted in the selection of Christopher Haw; T. Y. Lynch and J. B. Downer acting as Tellers.

A second formal ballot was then taken, and Dillon H. Payne was chosen as the second delegate.

On the fourth formal ballot Charles H. Wilson was selected as one of the provisional delegates.

On the fifth formal ballot, John Moler was chosen as the other provisional delegate. On motion of Mr. Kemble, the Conference selected J. W. McMullen and E. S. Huston as reserve delegates.

Dr. McDowell, Secretary of the Board of Education, then briefly addressed the Lay Conference in an entertaining manner.

The Committee on Resolutions was then called for, and the Chairman C. S. James, announced that the Secretary, S. G. Cushings, would read the resolutions, which he then proceeded to do, and which are as follows:

RESOLUTIONS.

1st. *Resolved*, That this Electoral Conference requests the General Conference to make no unnecessary delay in seating all regularly-elected provisional delegates, as provided by what is known as the Rock River Conference Amendment.

2d. We are opposed to any change in the law of the Church with reference to the time-limit of the pastorate, and our delegates are hereby instructed to vote in accordance with this resolution.

3d. WHEREAS, Upon investigation, we find that the average salary paid the pastors of the Iowa Conference is only \$766, including house-rent, and that twenty charges taken by themselves show an average salary of only \$547; therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend to our Official Boards the payment of more liberal salaries, especially on charges paying less than \$1,000.

4th. We heartily indorse the declarations made by the General Conference of 1892, that the saloon is an unmixed evil, full of diabolism, a disgrace to our civilization, the chief corrupter of political action, and a continuous menace to the good order of society and the peace and purity of our homes, and so utterly antagonistic to all that is precious in life that the only proper attitude toward it for Christians is that of relentless hostility. It can never be legalized without sin, and we do record our deliberate judgment that no political party has a right to expect, nor ought to receive, the support of Christian men, so long as it stands committed to the license policy, or refuses to put itself on record in an attitude of open hostility to the saloon. We declare before all the world that the Methodist Episcopal Church ought to be known, always and everywhere, as the relentless and uncompromising foe of this ungodly business, and that it is the duty of every Christian to wage unceasing warfare against it.

5th. We recognize the value of Christian education and the Iowa Wesleyan University as an efficient means to that end, and, as laymen of the Iowa Conference, we heartily pledge ourselves to give this college our liberal moral and financial support, and welcome to our charges its appointed officers, and recommend this College to all our young persons desirous of a better education and a broader and deeper Christian life.

6th. We, the lay delegation to the Iowa Conference, having been honored by representing our various charges, and, on our arrival in this city, having found the hospitable citizens with their doors swinging open to welcome us; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we tender the citizens of Mt. Pleasant a vote of thanks for their hearty welcome and generous hospitality thus shown us.

On motion, the resolutions were adopted.

The Lay Conference then proceeded in a body to the College Chapel, and were cordially received by Bishop C. C. McCabe and the Iowa Conference. The delegates elect to the General Conference were called out by the Bishop and made brief responses, which were followed by an interesting and instructive address by the Bishop.

At the close of the Bishop's address, Senator Harlan pronounced the Lay Conference adjourned without day.

JAMES HARLAN, CHAIRMAN.

DILLON H. PAYNE, SECRETARY.